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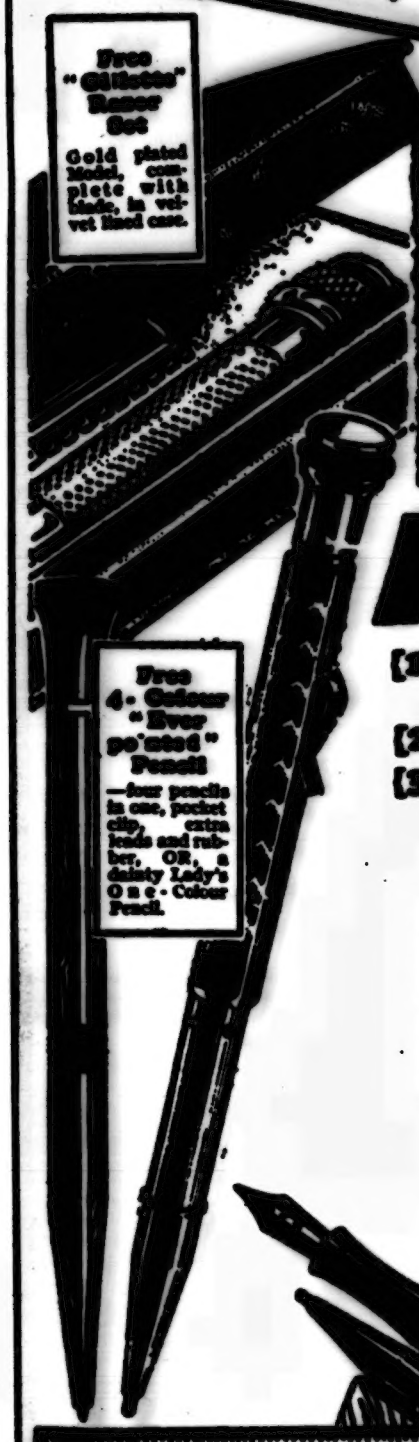

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"J.B." 8/12/28.

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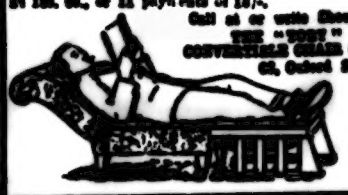

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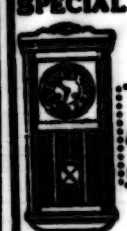

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Work for the Prince.

Whatever may be the permanent effects of the King's illness, his advisers at Buckingham Palace have recommended that many of his duties should henceforth be undertaken permanently by the Prince of Wales.

No Partner.

For a time, at least, this will prove awkward for our bachelor Prince. A partner at many big State functions is virtually a necessity. There is an obvious solution.

An Interesting Date.

The Prince has been left a far freer hand in the matter of matrimony than is usual with Royalty. He has told his intimates many times that he will marry when he is thirty-five. He will be that age next June, so look for an interesitng announcement before long.

After Baldwin.

It is an open secret that Mr. Baldwin's successor must soon be selected. "Honest Stanley" is far from strong. Lately "Jix," Winston, and Austen Chamberlain were about equally favoured as probable future Premiers.

Feeble Opposition.

Neville Chamberlain has now put them all out of the running. A Tory ex-Minister declares that "he has shown himself a constructive statesman and a brilliant Parliamentarian, though until ten years ago his voice had never been heard at Westminster." All we can say is that if Neville is the best, he's the best of a bad basket.

Banking Alarm.

One of the "Big Five" banks is alarmed by the number of recent super-speculative flotations. About a dozen of these issues have been unable to obtain Stock Exchange quotations owing to irregularities.

Probing the Prospectus.

A remedy proposed is to set up a committee of representatives from the banks, the Stock Exchange and leading firms of chartered accountants, to examine every prospectus and to report on it to the newspapers.

Dangers.

This proposal will soon be made public by the bank in question. If it materialises, it will, in some cases, save thousands to investors. At the same time, it has dangers. If given official status, the committee would have far more power than is good for any privately appointed body.

Drams at All Hours.

When the question of night clubs, involving drinks after hours, is next discussed by the House of Commons, Members should not forget that they themselves have no restrictions. St. Stephen's is "the best club in Europe," night or day.

No "Red" Wine.

The Red men are rarely seen in the bars at Westminster. They are teetotal almost to a man. The entire Clydeside contingent derives its inspiration and eloquence from tea and ginger-beer. This may or may not explain a lot.

Where Are They?

We have taken the trouble to find out how many war medals there are still unclaimed. The Admiralty has 100,000 and the Air Ministry 10,000. Figures are not available at the War Office, but a rough estimate is 500,000. The number of individual owners is calculated to be over 250,000. Many of these are, of course, dead, but relatives can claim the medals.

Old Stories.

What a pother there is about Bishop Gore's new book, in which he declares that some of the old Bible stories must be treated as symbols and legends. Famous clerics have been saying that for a generation. We seem to remember hearing Bishop Gore express his beliefs at least thirty years ago.

Hoaxed.

The Press was sadly hoaxed over the alleged hatching of a plot by young Scots in Soho to steal the Stone of Destiny from the Abbey. A few Scots did meet for dinner one night, when it was facetiously suggested that the stone should be taken back across the Border. That was all, but none the less the Home Office had an extra guard mounted at the Coronation Chair!

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Mr. Freke Palmer: *We have not adopted American police methods.*

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STORM! FLOOD! "John Bull" pays many cheques to its readers. **(See page 2.)**

This England.

An old soldier, tramping from Southampton to London in search of work, stopped the night at Kingston Workhouse. His worldly wealth was one farthing. This was taken away from him in part payment of his lodgings. There was no change.

Radium Profiteers.

Sir Otto Beit has bought enough radium to cover a half-crown at a cost of £50,000. With magnificent generosity he has given it to St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Unfortunately, Sir Otto has been swindled. He ought to have obtained twice as much radium for his money. The price of this most wonderful of metals is artificially maintained at a prodigious figure.

A Corner.

Here are the facts: The world's radium is extracted from ores mined in the Belgian Congo. The sources of such ores have recently been vastly extended by new discoveries, yet "someone" sees that the price has not fallen. The Belgian Government must stop this profiteering in mankind's most important medicine.

Mrs. Maybrick.

Mrs. Maybrick, condemned for murdering her husband and reprieved to serve a life sentence, has emerged from obscurity. She is old, broken in health and partially paralysed, yet she is determined to spend a legacy of £150,000 in establishing her innocence.

Did Justice Nod?

The courage of such an indomitable woman must not pass unnoticed. Moreover, her own counsel and many high legal authorities have constantly declared that she was wrongly convicted. If justice erred so long ago, let justice now be done. Remember Oscar Slater!

A Request.

The response from our readers to our offer of Christmas Gift Packages on page 2 has exceeded all expectations. Readers who have not yet availed themselves of our offer and desire to do so are advised to forward their applications at once to avoid the Christmas rush, and thus ease the work of our staff as well as ensuring delivery in good time.

Civil Service and Business.

Sir George Lewis Barstow has become a director of the Prudential Assurance Company. He is a Civil Servant, having been Comptroller of Supply Services at the Treasury since 1919. This sort of thing is becoming far too common. It ought not to be possible for intimate knowledge of State finance gained by public servants to be acquired in this fashion. But doesn't it show how close the insurance companies are to the heart of the Government!

Work to Hand.

Eminent members of the R.S.P.C.A. have for the moment stopped being cruel to one another. Now that the squabble has abated we may expect the whole energies of the organisation to be directed towards the question of cruelty to animals. What about a start on pit ponies?

Watch Him!

Keep your eye on your slate club secretary! Within the next week or two there will be the usual Christmas crop of defaulters and absconders. When *will* Parliament pass a measure for stricter auditing and control of these funds? At present, the slate club system bristles with temptations.

Repentant Sinners.

The big daily papers have at last awakened to the fact that people are actually starving in the mining areas. For two years they have been blind and dumb. But we will forget about it so long as they add their influence to that of the few journals which have not been silent, to bring some comfort this winter into the black valleys.

Lombard Street Green.

Bankers and financiers must envy the Postmaster-General, who has in his clutches a permanent sum of well over £1,000,000 represented by deposits from telephone subscribers for which he pays nothing at all! We are not grumbling, for the profit comes back to the great British public, perhaps. But couldn't the bankers do lots with it.

Stone Heads.

According to a public official on whose figures we can rely, local authorities have in the past year expended £2,000,000 of public money on the buying of roadstone, setts and kerbing from abroad. This at a time when a million men are idle, including numbers of quarrymen, and despite Government circulars urging the use of British materials. Could anything be more futile?

Aeromaniacs

The councillors of Coulsdon, since the recent accident there, in which two Civil airmen crashed into the roof of a house, have decided to protest to the Air Ministry against low flying. We endorse their protest. The Air Navigation Act exists to deal with aeromaniacs who fly over towns at low altitudes, and it should be enforced with rigour before a really tragic accident occurs.

Prosecute.

The administration of the Act, however, is not in the hands of the Air Ministry, but the police. Our advice to Scotland Yard is to bring the next offenders into court and discover what are the penalties. No one seems clear on this point. In our opinion, such a palpable breach of the law should be heavily punished and the culprits have their flying licences confiscated. The motorist who drives to the danger of the public is innocuous compared with the aeromaniac.

"Castles" for Sale.

Many thrifty people who took the Government's advice to buy their own houses now regret having done so. In depressed Lancashire areas, for example, unemployed owner-occupiers are refused relief. They are told that they must sell or mortgage their houses. In other words, while the thriftless are rewarded, they must sell up or starve. The moral effect of this is disastrous.

Sharp as Ever!

Unscrupulous moneylenders are dodging the terms of the Act passed a year ago. Although legally compelled to give the borrower a copy of the contract within seven days, many neglect to do so and trick the victim into signing a receipt for a contract which has not been given him. Another dodge is the renewal of bills in such terms as to enforce payment of compound interest on balances of old accounts.

Who Worries?

Shipping authorities simply refuse to be worried over new ideas to safeguard life at sea. For nine years two Hull brothers, R. B. and W. T. Parsons, seafarers both, have been trying to interest them in a patent raft which has undoubted merits. They won't even have the idea tested.

Well Afloat Ashore.

When the brothers approach shipowners, they are passed on to the Board of Trade, for it is impossible for any Line to adopt a new device unless it has Board of Trade sanction. The Board of Trade, for its part, suggests that the invention should be brought to the notice of the companies. Meanwhile ships continue to be sunk at sea, but so long as the Board of Trade keeps afloat we don't suppose it really matters.

Gruesome Farce.

Lord Darling's infanticide Bill, the second reading of which is coming before the Lords, is a half-hearted measure and should be scrapped in favour of more comprehensive legislation. As things are, mothers who kill their infants are almost invariably condemned to death, but never hanged. Infanticide should be declared a distinct crime from murder.

Something Like Justice.

At Mullingar, Ireland, William Reddy was sentenced by Judge Wakely to seven years' penal servitude for assaulting a girl aged ten years. English judges might take a tip from Judge Wakely, who is under no illusion as to this terrible act against the innocent and immature. In England the sentences administered for this type of crime are out of all proportion to its magnitude.

"Temporary" Ten Years.

There are thousands of ex-soldiers in receipt of disability pensions which are described as "temporary." The merest glance at the medical dossiers would convince the most sceptical that there is little or no hope of a cure. To make such awards permanent would lift a cloud of uncertainty from the mind of many a good fellow who lives in perpetual fear of the workhouse.

Our Air Railways.

The railways are in a bad way. They have been granted road facilities and basic industries are being derated to help them still further. Now they are going to start air lines. Who is to pay for them? The unhappy shareholders? If Imperial Airways, with all its organisation and experience, State subsidies and postal contracts, cannot make air travel pay, is it likely the railways can?

Autocratic Union.

The remarkable action by officials of the National Union of Seamen, expelled and refused access to the book, has been won by them. We hope they will avail themselves of their renewed privilege of inspecting the books and *pass on the information to the members.* The latter have had enough of the autocracy of Havelock Wilson's union.

Forget Petty Quarrels.

We have told already how a petty squabble between departmental officials had completely disorganised the Welsh Medical School. We now learn that the Cardiff Infirmary is still closed to students, with the result that many have had their careers completely jeopardised. We appeal once again to the authorities to forget their individual squabbles and show some consideration for those upon whom they have imposed needless suffering.

CARRY OFF A CHRISTMAS BOX!

We want 1,001 good "Bullets" for the 1,001 Christmas boxes offered on page 39. Send some yourself and we may send you the sum of £1,500!

Wells Well?

British Controlled Oilfields are again in a state of vigorous activity—in their offices. Numerous surveyors have lately been exploring the areas in which the concern is interested, and their discoveries may make the imminent annual report more pleasant reading for the shareholders than many bulletins issued by the directors of this remarkable undertaking in the past. At least, we hope so.

The Cellar Rats.

The rats who run London's low night clubs are seriously frightened by Scotland Yard's sudden campaign against them. Some have already scuttled back overseas to their native lands, squeaking with indignation. The remainder are "lying low and saying nuffin." What amazes us is that so many of them have had so long a run. Seventy-five per cent. of these aliens are, apart from their night-club activities, undesirable in every sense of the word.

Lying Very Low.

An extraordinary aspect of our campaign against industrial assurance is that for all the things we have had to say of the swindle during nearly three years, there has not been one word of refutation from the companies. They simply say nothing and pay up wrongfully withheld money when Mr. W. E. Mashford, of our Industrial Insurance Bureau, forces them to do so. In four days recently, by the way, we have recovered £486 in cash and £59 in free policies for twenty-five readers. Not bad.

Welcome!

Welcome to Marshal Lyautey, the famous soldier who is Britain's guest. A great Frenchman, he was dished by the politicians. He got their backs up when he was Minister for War, and they never forgave him. His forced resignation of his post in Morocco, where he was almost worshipped, was a scandal and a "job" of the worst type. As fine an administrator as "K. of K.," he is a finer soldier and a very French mixture of General Gordon, Cecil Rhodes and Mussolini.

Police Paradox.

General Byng, the new chief at Scotland Yard, is enquiring into the circumstances governing the retirement or transfer of certain officers, employed in West End divisions, who complain that they have been badly treated. So far, so good. But what of the case of an obscure constable at Lambeth who has been sent to jail for accepting a bribe from a bookmaker, while other officers, summoned before private enquiry boards at the Yard, have merely been transferred to other divisions or "permitted to resign"?

Doctor Wynne Annoyed.

Our old friend Dr E. W. Wynne, D.Sc., D.C.L., LL.D., F.R.S.I., F.G.C.S., etc., etc., has advertised for £200. A lady answered his advertisement, but, having seen his name in JOHN BULL, dismissed the proposition. Dr. Wynne has since sent a postcard suggesting that she should spend her £200 in acquiring good manners instead of ignoring people "when they put good things before you." Presumably he thinks it good manners to send an abusive postcard to a lady who has more discretion than himself!

An Old Trick.

"Solid gold watches given free" is the inducement held out by the Surrey Trading Company, of Matham Road, East Molesey, in inserting a simple competition in a weekly paper. Of course, few people fail to send in the correct solution, and the winners find that they must purchase a chain or bracelet to qualify for their prize. It is an old trick, and one that was formerly played by the Universal Trading Company, of Cornwallis Road, Holloway. Perhaps the explanation is that Mr. R. Lloyd is behind the one and a Mr. W. R. Lloyd behind the other.

THE CHURCH *and* WORLD PEACE

War is an enemy of what the Church exists to safeguard and to promote, it is a clear duty of the Church to find and to take its own part in removing all that leads to war.

by His Grace The LORD ARCHBISHOP OF YORK

IT would be hard to say whether, on the whole, the Church has done more to promote peace or more to hinder it. There can be no doubt that in the Dark Ages and in the early Middle Ages it was the chief civilising agency in a Europe which had largely relapsed into barbarism. Also, it steadily held before men's minds the ideal of a world-wide fellowship.

But the Church sought to pursue its spiritual aims by secular means.

We, looking back, see plainly enough that for Christians a war of religion is doubly an abomination, both because it is war and because it is a profanation of religion.

Yet, even if the historic record of the Church is so ambiguous, there is no doubt about its testimony in its own best and purest periods. It was a commonplace with some of the early Fathers that when all nations are converted war will cease; they could not conceive two Christian nations engaging in war with each other.

There have been real saints in the life of both Church and nations; but neither Church nor nations have stood for the pure and complete gospel of Christ.

This humbling review of the past may help us to determine what is the function of the Church in relation to world peace, and what are the methods by which it may make its own peculiar contribution. There can be no doubt about its general duty to foster peace and good will, or to insist on the evils of war.

The Church's enemy

Those evils are not to be estimated only or chiefly in terms of impoverishment, suffering and bereavement, but also in terms of charity stifled and truth poisoned.

The mere possibility of war makes difficult international understanding and charity; the outbreak of war, though it does indeed give us a special opportunity to obey the command, "Love your enemies," in fact causes hatred to take the place of love, and even of reasonable good will on a vast scale.

So, again, in the actual course of war, truth is relegated to a back place; but the possibility of war makes truth between the nations too difficult to be steadily maintained.

Let anyone who wishes to calculate the influence of war as an institution upon the truthfulness of the spokesmen of nations read "The International Anarchy, 1904-1914," by Mr. Lowes Dickinson, an account of the diplomatic history of ten years leading up to the Great War.

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This is not the same as saying that war is the worst of evils, or that circumstances can never arise when it is better to fight than not to fight. It is by no means clear that the Church in any given country ought in all circumstances to dissuade the Government from declaring war or to dissuade its members from serving with the Forces when war has been declared.

I believe without any hesitation at all that in August, 1914, it was the duty of our Government to declare war, and, therefore, also of our British citizens to fight. And at the moment that was all that mattered. But that it should become a duty to fight is proof that something has gone badly wrong; it is proof that Christian principles have not been guiding the course of history.

Wrong either way

At least, the fearful experience of the war led to the formation of the League of Nations. And the first obvious duty of the Church is to support the principle of the League.

That principle is, of course, that where the interests of one nation or group of nations touch those of another group, the questions raised should be settled by all combining to promote the general welfare, instead of by each standing out for all it can get for itself.

No doubt the League is in practice not yet always true to its own principle; but it comes a great deal nearer to it than the old diplomacy did, and it provides the machinery by which that principle can generally be followed.

But the League is only machinery, as Lord Grey and others have often reminded us. Its products entirely depend on the motive power supplied by public opinion in the various countries.

Here comes the Church's responsibility, but also its great difficulty. Whenever a crisis arises in these days, the Church is abused. If it or its leaders say nothing, they are condemned for cowardly silence and futile ineptitude; if they do say anything, they are condemned for meddling with other people's business.

The complaints are evidence that people expect something from the Church, but do not know precisely what it is. If there is a proposal for disarmament or for a Naval Pact with France, one set of people ask what the Church has to say about it, and another justly points out that the Church has none of the technical knowledge required for the formation of a sound judgment.

Helping judgment

The province of the Church is not to be found in detailed proposals of any kind. Churchpeople, as citizens, will share with other citizens the responsibility for reaching the best judgment they can.

The Church as such is responsible for doing its utmost to persuade and help them to form that judgment in the light of general Christian principles, the principles which are themselves consequences of our central faith in God as the Father of all men, Who desires the welfare of all His children and mutual love between members of His family.

His Grace the Lord Archbishop of York (the Rt. Rev. W. Temple, D.D.); whose enthronement takes place on January 10. The formal election by the Dean and Chapter of York is fixed for Monday next

The Church may from time to time censure policies which violate these principles, but its concern is with principles and not with their application, because the application always involves points of expediency as well as of principle, and about these equally good Christians may differ without any disloyalty to the Gospel.

But the Church, which has this duty of influencing public opinion in the direction of Christian principles, must also follow its own method of doing this. It is not the method of political agitation.

When the Church takes that ground it forfeits its opportunity of doing what it alone can do for the sake of what other people do a great deal better.

Nor is it chiefly the method of educational propaganda, though this is a legitimate method, and the Church should take its share in education for peace, because otherwise its influence will not tell outside its own membership.

But the true sphere of the Church is worship. And its great contribution to world peace must be to bring the sense of world-wide human brotherhood into the very heart of worship.

When war will cease

If every Christian felt as a living truth that his right of access to God is always and only that which is possessed by every child of man, so that it is never as isolated individuals, but always members of His family, that we pray and adore, that would do more to remove the roots of war from the souls of men and nations than anything else at all.

Let us never forget that the prayer which our Lord taught us as the pattern of all our praying is one which could have been said by an Englishman and a German kneeling side by side any time from 1914 to 1918, both meaning precisely the same thing.

And as it sets itself to bring this element into the heart of its worship, so the Church must warn the nations that never by contrivances and pacts and disarmament and treaties can they succeed in abolishing war.

War will end when men's hearts are open to and are filled by the spirit of self-giving love which Christians know to be the very nature of God. The only way to peace on earth is that we all learn to give all glory to God in the Highest.

BIG GREYHOUND COMPANY STAGGERING STORY

Shocks in the Shareholders' Stockings

THOUSANDS of British investors are to-day greatly perturbed over the fate of moneys they have put into a concern called the Anglo-French Greyhound Association, Ltd.

This venture was launched about a year ago by a gentleman named Mr. J. H. Dickinson.

Following the success of greyhound-racing at the White City, he conceived the idea that France in general and Paris in particular presented virgin soil for a sport likely to prove equally successful there as at home.

Although Mr. Dickinson was undoubtedly the prime mover in the scheme, his name did not appear amongst the first list of directors, which included Air Vice-Marshal Sir Vyell Vyvyan, K.C.B.; Major-General the Rt. Hon. J. E. B. Seely, C.B., and the Hon. Christopher Roper-Curzon.

The proposition was certainly an attractive one and provided a most promising way of giving investors a good return for their money.

Golden silence

But there was one important matter on which the prospectus was silent. In England, betting is so closely allied with racing that the public takes it for granted that one is the natural complement of the other, but in France betting on greyhound-racing tracks cannot be permitted without special legislation.

In subscribing to the Anglo-French Greyhound Association, therefore, the majority of British investors would naturally assume that facilities for betting on the French course would be as fully and freely available as they are in this country.

Had they been told that there was any doubt on this point it is unlikely that they would have been so willing to sink their money in the venture.

The position to-day is that, although £128,500 of British money has been subscribed, and the company is in possession of a first-class racing course, not a single dog has yet been raced.

The whole of the money has been swallowed up, and something like £9,000 is owing on certain commitments.

Serious error of judgment

Why did the directors of this company not explain in the prospectus the contrasting conditions of betting and racing in France?

The answer is to be found in a confidential report just issued to shareholders as a result of a four-months' enquiry by a committee specially appointed, with the support of legal and accountancy advisers, to examine the association's affairs.

Dealing with the difference in the prospects of the company's commercial success with or *without* betting, the committee say that "Any uncertainty about it was an additional risk to the investor with which he should have been made acquainted.

"In deliberately issuing the prospectus without any reference whatever to a subject which had such a direct bearing on the success or failure of the venture, those responsible committed a serious error of judgment."

And what reply have the directors to make to this?

They say that Mr. Dickinson, the promoter of the company, gave them repeated and most emphatic assurances that a Bill would be passed, legalising betting in France, in January or February last, and this apparently confirmed in substance the

Sir Vyell Vyvyan, K.C.B., who with other director mentioned did his best at the enquiry to elucidate matters in the interests of the shareholders

information which the directors had themselves obtained.

Such legislation, however, has not been introduced even to this day.

About a club

Another matter of grave importance regarding the prospectus, which has been fully investigated by the committee, refers to a concern known as the Greyhound Club de France.

This club, according to the prospectus, was "founded by a number of well-known French sportsmen," and had entered into an agreement "to organise exclusively on behalf of the company, greyhound racing in France."

The view expressed in the report of the committee investigating the affairs of the company was that the effect of a statement of this kind was that investors would look upon the concern as a kind of "Jockey Club," and from the prominence given to it in the prospectus they would naturally assume that it was a well-established institution of standing and influence, operating actively in the interests of greyhound-racing in France.

The committee asserts, however, that at the date the above agreement was entered into the club had not complied with the legal requirement usually adopted by every important club or *société* in France, which is to file particulars of the club with the Prefecture of Police.

This was not done, it says, until four days after the first option of purchase of the proposed racing-track property had been obtained.

This contract was transferred to the Anglo-French company as part of the consideration for which Mr. Dickinson was paid £10,000 in cash, and was granted the right of subscribing for £7,500 deferred shares at par.

Directors explain

In dealing with statements made in the prospectus about this newly formed club, the Committee of Enquiry states that when the directors were questioned on the subject, "they admitted quite frankly that they relied entirely upon the statements made by Mr. Dickinson, and on letters and documents he produced, which purported to corroborate all he told them."

In the opinion of the committee, the Board had passed statements in the prospectus, with all they implied, "without independent proof of any kind," and that they now claim that they had been "completely misled."

Now, it is significant that the Committee of Enquiry was able to find out within a few days that the club was by no means the important organisation it had been suggested to be.

Surely, then, the directors were ill-advised in signing and issuing the prospectus without verifying Mr. Dickinson's statements in the same way?

Finally, the report laments the fact that Mr. Dickinson, who could quite easily have elucidated many matters, would give the Committee of Enquiry no useful assistance, as he objected to their methods of procedure.

This is greatly to be deplored, especially in view of the committee's statement that certain points it alludes to in the report may be capable of clear and simple explanation.

Last week the shareholders met to discuss whether it would be better to have the concern wound up or to attempt to find further capital to the extent of £10,000 to tide them over a further period.

As it is now believed that the French Bill will not be delayed much longer, the shareholders have decided to hang on. We sincerely trust that they will not be disappointed.

The association, of course, possesses many assets which will prove of great value if the French Government will now authorise betting on greyhound-racing tracks.

Doing his bit

Although Mr. Dickinson would give the Committee of Enquiry no help, he stated at the shareholders' meeting that he was willing to help to keep the company on its legs to the extent of £5,000 or more.

We feel that in the interests of all concerned he should without delay also give to the shareholders a full and frank explanation of his side of the questions raised by the committee.

KICKING A LAME DOG

Hard-hearted Guardians

ERNEST READE HILL, of Beverley Road, Hull, is an accountant who has had the misfortune to lose his job.

With a wife and six children to support, his position was not an enviable one, and his difficulties were in no wise mitigated when two of his children fell ill.

As a last desperate resort, he went to the Sculcoates Board of Guardians for relief, which was granted on the condition that he performed twenty-eight hours' task work. The task consisted of scrubbing floors and chopping wood.

His wife now became seriously ill, and, as he was unable to leave his home, he could not perform the allotted task.

He was summoned before the guardians and granted a week's grace in which to perform his work.

Cruel charge

Although things were so critical at home, he contrived to accomplish six hours of the task, which, according to the evidence of the taskmaster, was satisfactorily performed.

It was his intention to put in some further hours on the following Saturday, but his wife's condition became so serious that he felt it his duty to remain with her.

Mr. Hill was brought up at Hull Police Court and charged by the guardians with "wilfully neglecting" to perform the task allocated to him.

He conducted his own defence, and asked if an enquiry could not be instituted in order to verify his statements regarding his home affairs and the health of his family.

He produced a medical certificate relating to his wife's illness, but he was not permitted to read this on the ground that it was "not evidence."

Several other statements were likewise ruled out, so, when finally asked whether he had anything to say, Mr. Hill merely asked for consideration.

Picture to ponder

The consideration shown to him took the form of one guinea or fifteen days' imprisonment in default.

How it was expected that an unemployed man was going to sacrifice a guinea when his family was in such dire straits we leave others to determine.

But we should like the Sculcoates Guardians to ponder upon a little picture—a picture of a sick woman, just recovering from a confinement, with the care of a five-weeks-old baby upon her hands and with five other children, two of them sick, while her husband lies in jail.

If they can contemplate this picture unmoved, and if they honestly feel that they have acted justly in this case, we can only add that our sympathy goes out to any poor person of Sculcoates who may turn to them for succour.

FAKED NOTES: Great Trading Swindle *Amazing Forgery*

THE police are being kept very busy at the present time in following the activities of a gang of rogues who, working on a large scale, specialise in robbing poor people by means of what is known as the "Advance Note" trick.

Posing as genuine seamen, these rascals contrive to gain the confidence of likely victims and then, rounding off their stories by the most convincing details, seek to obtain as much cash as possible in return for worthless scraps of paper.

One polished member of this fraternity is a man named John Devereux, who, to all intents and purposes, appears to be a genuine sailor who has sailed the raging seas for years.

Looks that lie

Of fresh, healthy complexion, and with a refined cast of countenance, he certainly looks the soul of honesty.

Only recently he walked into a trader's shop in Limehouse and frankly introduced himself to the proprietor.

Pointing out that the latter relied more or less upon the seefaring fraternity for his living, Mr. Devereux suggested that he would doubtless be only too ready to grant him a small favour.

He was employed, he said, with an important shipping company, but was at present on leave.

He had run through the cash that he had drawn on leaving his ship, but he had an advance pay-note that was due in a day or two, and he would be more than grateful if the trader would oblige him by cashing it now.

Of course, the trader was quite familiar with the advance pay-notes that are usually given to seamen in like circumstances, authorising them to draw instalments of their salary on certain dates, and the one tendered by Mr. Devereux appeared genuine enough.

Clever tales

It was made out for five guineas and was drawn on the Leadenhall Street headquarters of his employers, being signed "J. W. Scott, Cashier."

So the trader advanced the money and thought no more of the transaction until the note fell due for payment. Then he was amazed to find it dishonoured by the company, which pronounced it to be a very clever forgery.

There could be no doubt about it, for Mr. Devereux was not even in its employ, so the trader had to bear the loss.

Such cases are all too prevalent, and various shipping companies have lodged complaints of this character.

It is a mystery where the bogus advance notes come from, though there is reason to believe that some have been executed by a small printer in the East End of London, who reaps a rich harvest by disposing of them to crooks for forging and uttering.

It is within our knowledge that Devereux alone has passed bogus seamen's notes in all parts of the country.

Only recently he called upon a priest in Newcastle and prevailed upon the reverend gentleman to cash one of his forged vouchers by means of a cleverly spun tale.

Here, again, the priest has had to bear the loss, for the company can do nothing.

But Devereux is only one of many, and innumerable complaints are being lodged with the police about this mean form of fraud, which is greatly on the increase.

The other day a man who gave the name of W. Richardson called upon a firm in Oxford Street, and, after selecting a few trifling goods, induced the assistant to cash his advance note for him.

Like countless others, this note was finally dishonoured by the company on which it was drawn, but there was no means of tracing the bogus seaman.

So persistently is this form of fraud followed by some rogues that they contrive to make a regular living by it.

Useful tip

There is one rogue, known to Scotland Yard, who has been living at the expense of others for the best part of the present year by passing bogus advance notes, yet he has never been to sea in his life!

All kinds of complaints have been registered against this man, whose aliases include those of Jones, Howarth, Hughes and Craig.

In another case, which occurred a few days ago at Jarrow, a man who gave the name of William Reed,

Sir Horace P. Hamilton, K.C.B., Permanent Secretary of the Board of Trade, whose attention we draw to these fore-going words

obtained £3 16s. by cashing a bogus note made out for £4.

The victim who believed Reed's story that he was employed on a vessel then lying in dock, was to retain the remaining 4s. as commission!

The majority of these notes are alike in style, and the confidence of dupes is doubtless inspired by the fact that a space is allotted for a description of the "bearer" to avoid fraud!

They are also headed by the name of a shipping company, and are made out on the account of a certain bank, alone authorised to cash them.

As all real advance notes are not negotiable except through a bank, private cashiers who cash them do so entirely at their own risk.

If private individuals approached in the manner we have described would first take the precaution of telephoning to the shipping company or bank concerned, they could quickly ascertain whether the particular advance note tendered was genuine or not.

FAIRY MARY, the TWISTER SISTER

She "*Guys*" but Never Buys

THE proprietor of a furniture shop in the neighbourhood of Hackney Road, London, was recently visited by a lady who introduced herself as Sister Mary Marshall.

She was attired in a light-blue tunic, over which she wore a long, silken cape of darker hue, while her auburn hair was adorned by a perfectly laundered bonnet.

In a few simple words, she explained that she was in charge of the Mary Ward at Guy's Hospital, and, as she selected certain goods, she confided also that her life's work at the hospital was drawing to a close.

Big wrench

There was a note of sorrow in her voice as she hinted at her impending retirement, and she declared that she would find it hard to wrench herself away from the hospital and the work she loved so well.

She hoped, however, to carry on as much as possible on her own account, to which end she had realised all the securities in which she had invested her savings during her long years of service.

That very morning she had received a large cheque from her brokers in respect of the disposal of certain shares.

Interest aroused

She was very thankful now that she had practised such thrift, for now, with the pension that she would receive from the hospital, her future would be ensured.

Although she had turned sixty, she had decided to open a private nursing home at Eastbourne. It was her intention to sink the bulk of her savings in this venture, and she was fortunate in having a doctor friend who had kindly offered to assist her.

Her sweetness and frankness, combined with her gentlewomanly appearance, aroused the shopkeeper's interest, and he listened to her convincing story with a sympathy that was only natural.

At last, when Sister Marshall had completed her selection of goods, she asked if the shopkeeper would be good enough to keep them on one side for her until she finally relinquished her duties at Guy's Hospital, which would be very soon.

The shopkeeper agreed to do so and to send someone down to the hospital two days later to receive her definite instructions in the matter.

Then, producing the cheque of which she had spoken, and which was certainly made out in her favour for a large sum, she asked the shopkeeper if he would oblige her by granting her a small loan, as other purchases she had made that morning had run her rather short.

Seeing no reason to harbour any suspicion, the shopkeeper readily obliged this gracious customer, and, reminding him to be sure and send up to the hospital in two days' time, the sister took her departure.

Tissue of lies

Her instructions were duly carried out, but when a visit was paid to the hospital two days later it was found that the saintly Sister Marshall was quite unknown there and that she had used the hospital's good name quite without authority.

The truth is that her moving story of her "life's work" and her impending retirement was one long fabrication, while she had not even the right to don the sacred uniform that lent such colour to her story.

Profitable story

We are sorry to add that this very accomplished trickster has repeated her daring fraud in various parts of the country, and many complaints have been lodged with the authorities in consequence.

On the same day on which she perpetrated the coup with which we have dealt above, she drove up in a motor-car to a millinery establishment a short distance away and managed to obtain a further sum of money by means of a similar story.

All shopkeepers should therefore be on their guard, and, with her duplicity thus exposed, we hope she will soon be brought to book.

SECRET PRISONERS

A Board to Bend or Break

Startling Disclosures

If the Board of Control cannot be bent it must be broken. If the taxpayers who pay the money cannot rely upon the men they pay to execute their wishes then these men must be sacked.

The Board of Control exists for the purpose of supervising the mental detention and correction institutions of this country.

We do not suggest that the Board is not carrying out its duties. We suggest that it is carrying out its duties to an extent that, while being within the law of the land, it is outside the law of fair play and "cricket."

We are not talking law or politics. We are talking plain sense. We seem to remember that, under the strict letter of the law, a man can be hanged for setting fire to a few naval stores in a dockyard, but if he set fire to Leicester Square he could not be hanged.

That is the law, but it is all a matter of how judges and high dignitaries interpret it. Thus we begin this story:

There are being kept in certified institutions in this country boys and girls and grown-ups who are perfectly entitled to their liberty and who are quite normal enough to enjoy the privileges of citizenship.

Hearts that are broken

We have devoted columns of our space and spent hundreds of pounds in investigations in order to expose one shocking scandal after another.

We have striven to mend the hearts that this Board has broken. We have tried to bring comfort to those homes to which the Board brought tragedy.

And that campaign will be continued, without fear or favour, until the Board of Control is brought to realise the error and the terror of its ways.

Each succeeding case has been more pathetic, more cruel, more illogical and more unjust, and this week we have been handling one that we think will interest the War Office and the Home Office as much as anyone.

It is the story of Noel Ralph Joshua Albert Chamberlain, a seventeen-year-old boy, whose parents live at Trumpington, Cambridge. The youth of this boy has been ruined, thoughtlessly and fruitlessly.

Mistaken mother

Noel was educated at Trumpington School, and it must be confessed that he was a backward scholar.

That the son of a farm labourer was found not to be brilliant would not have surprised us, but apparently the "baby-snatchers" found in him what they regarded as a good excuse for packing him off to an institution.

They also, no doubt, took into account the fact that Noel suffered from fainting fits and was not always able to attend his lessons.

His mother was approached and asked if she would consent to his being sent to a special school for training, and she agreed, believing that when he reached the age of sixteen, two years later, he would be allowed to return to his home.

Poor woman! Like many another mother we know, she did not realise that she had handed over her boy to the mercies of the most autocratic body in the land.

When Noel reached the age of sixteen at the Royal Counties Institution at Colchester, Mrs. Chamberlain was sent for to attend at Colchester, where she was asked what

Noel Chamberlain

work she was going to find for her boy.

Mrs. Chamberlain naturally pointed out that that was a matter to be decided when the lad returned to his home, and was then informed that he would not be allowed to return home at present.

Behind four walls

The result was that, from that time until this, he has been detained at Colchester, only being allowed home for a month's holiday at August.

During that month the boy has found work on a farm, and last August he earned what was, for a lad of his age, a considerable amount of money. Moreover, if he were free, he would be able to obtain a regular job.

How is one to understand the attitude of an authority which keeps behind four walls a young man who has proved that he is capable of an honest day's work and who could easily secure and hold a decent, honest job?

But what do our readers think when we tell them that the boy has actually served in His Majesty's Army, worn His Majesty's uniform and passed as perfectly sound and fit the exacting and thorough Army medical tests?

Incredible though this may sound, it is true. This boy, who is considered fit to be a soldier, is not considered fit to be at liberty.

On the last day of his holiday in August, the poor lad was so "fed up" at the idea of returning to the institution that he decided to join the Army.

After preliminaries, he passed his tests, was given a uniform and was drafted to the Suffolk Regiment, where we have excellent reasons for knowing that, as a recruit, he gave every satisfaction.

Rejected plea

It was not many days, however, before the long arm of officialdom stretched out, and, once again tied up with red tape, he was fetched back to the institution at Colchester.

From the Army he received £2 1s. 5d., but the Board of Control will see to it that he receives no more.

At the end of September the parents again pleaded with the Board to release their son. Their plea was rejected, the reason given being that the boy's "mental condition is such that he is not yet fit for discharge."

Fit to work, fit to fight, he is not considered fit to be free!

And, just in order to cheer up Mr. Chamberlain, the medical officer at the Royal Eastern Counties Institution dropped him a line to let him know that he could have been prosecuted in the police-court for allowing his son to run away!

He adds, in a grand manner, "Now that he is back, I do not suppose there will be a prosecution."

We fancy that, had the case come before a magistrate, there might have been a few enlightening comments made. Indeed, such a case might have set Noel on the path to freedom.

This same medical man has informed Mrs. Chamberlain that she has a legal right to have her son examined by an independent doctor.

We should imagine that the fact that he passed the Army doctors should satisfy the Board of Control that the lad is fit enough to take his proper place in life.

The fact that he has worked and can secure a regular job are added reasons for his immediate release.

Justice wanted

His mother, who is devoted to her son, actually cycled all the way from Cambridge to Colchester to take him out for a walk! On another occasion she pawned her sewing-machine in order to hire a car, as she was not fit to cycle.

His father is an ex-soldier and his elder brother served in the Royal Air Force. There is no insanity in the family, and the only trouble appears to be that he has only the brain of a hale and hearty son of the soil.

The Board of Control appears to expect a race of geniuses. We expect justice.

DON'T KNOCK UP ENOCK

"Truth" for Sixpence

WE have always been taught that Truth lives at the bottom of a well. Apparently we have been misinformed, for a curious pamphlet that has just come into our possession supplies us with a full postal address.

Truth is to be found, we learn, in a shop at 10, Duke Street, Adelphi, London, W.C., and it is "at home" from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays.

A gentleman named C. R. Enock presides over the Truth Shop, which has been established, he tells us, "to set the world in order."

Mr. Enock claims to be the Prophet Enoch *redivirus*, and invites people to come to his shop for Truth.

"You needn't all come at the same moment," he says, "because the shop is rather small to begin with."

One gentleman who acted upon this invitation did not find any congestion in the Truth Shop—in fact, he was the sole visitor.

Unblushing parody

In preparing himself to meet the seventh descendant of Adam, and an individual generally considered by archæological authorities to be identified with En-ki, the great priest-king of Babylon, he had perhaps allowed his imagination to run riot.

He had expected to meet the prophet garbed in imposing robes, but he was received by a gentleman in twentieth-century attire, who seemed so far removed from ancient Babylon as his shop was removed from a temple.

However, to the seeker after Truth the modern prophet handed a slim volume, entitled "The New Theocentric Science of Life."

This work, written by the prophet himself, is inscribed on the fly-leaf: "Price one shilling (or sixpence to those who really can't afford it)."

We regret that space cannot be devoted to a full review of this extraordinary volume, but it seems that the root of all evil lies in the fact that we are all living in big cities.

The Prophet Enock tells us that "the greatest intellect of all time" has been given to him for tackling life's problems, and he unblushingly parodies Mahommed by saying:

"There is one law of life
And Enock is its prophet."

Audacious claim

He also tells us that he comes for the third time in history "to preach the acceptable year of the Lord" with the theocentric doctrine.

We have not the slightest objection to Mr. C. R. Enock compiling a volume of his own individual views and retailing it to the public at sixpence or a shilling a time.

But when he holds himself out as the Prophet Enoch, describes his work as a "Third Testament," and actually claims that it "stands next to the Bible," we feel that it might be safer to look for Truth in her traditional home after all!

JOCKEY Who Should Be JAILED

Finger-prints and Number Plates

PEOPLE seeking bargains in cars should take every possible precaution to satisfy themselves on all points affecting a vehicle's registration, for there are many wily individuals at large who are reaping rich harvests by shady car transactions.

One of these is a diminutive individual named George Davis, who passes as a jockey, and who talks quite airily of his international experience.

Some time ago he strolled into a large garage at Brighton and intimated that he wished to purchase a cheap car for his personal use to enable him to fulfil his various engagements in different parts of the country.

Apart from racing, he confided, he also travelled as the representative of a cigar-merchant.

He ultimately selected a very cheap car, which he agreed to acquire on hire-purchase terms, and as his references seemed to be in order, the transaction went through in the ordinary way.

Deceitful "form"

Mr. Davis completed the payment for this car without defaulting in a single instalment, and later, intimating that his affairs were improving, selected a new vehicle valued at nearly £300.

At this time he was staying at Exmouth, Devon, but his references were just as satisfactory, and the car, a Rover, was let out to him on hire-purchase terms.

With this costlier car, however, this international jockey-cum-cigar-merchant, did not exhibit the same "form" that had marked his first transaction with the Brighton firm.

He failed to come up to the scratch and disappeared after paying only one month's instalment, taking his expensive car with him.

Following this, he secured an introduction to a big motoring company in the West End of London.

Buyer's shock

Davis told this company that he wished to dispose of his Rover car, and was anxious to secure the best possible price for it.

He had, he said, just refused a very good offer from another quarter, and disarmed suspicion by arguing for some time over the price the West End firm was prepared to pay, although there was only a difference of £5.

Eventually, however, he agreed to accept the latter's terms, and handed over the car in exchange for a cheque, for which he gave the following receipt, on the company's own note-paper:

"Received from above company the sum of £140 (One hundred and forty pounds) in full payment of Rover two-seater Sports, U.O. 4112.—G. DAVIES."

Now, although the genial jockey had acquired this car in the name of Davis, it will be seen that he sold it in the name of Davies, a very material change that was not observed by the London firm until several weeks later.

Then it was brought home very forcibly by the receipt of a letter from a firm of Brighton solicitors, who demanded the return of the car on the grounds that it was the property of its clients, the Southern Counties Car Finance Corporation, Ltd., who had only received one payment from Mr. Davis, and that £202 18s. 1d. was still owing under his agreement.

Matters were complicated by the fact that the London firm had already disposed of the car in all innocence, but, after lengthy correspondence, it realised that it was legally responsible and that, thanks to the duplicity of Mr. Davis-Davies, it would have to reimburse the Brighton firm.

This it has done, and the police are now making enquiries about this very dubious jockey, about whom many complaints have been lodged, and who has been convicted on more than one occasion, both for obtaining goods by false pretences and for larceny.

Audacious deception

Another clever car-plunderer is Mr. Horace Pylaw, who, until recently, traded at Morley, Yorkshire, as the Pylaw Motors and Auto Wreckers Company.

That he was indeed a "wrecker" soon became apparent, for he suddenly disappeared from his home, leaving a legacy of trouble behind him.

Just prior to his disappearance, he visited the Wakefield Police Station, and, describing himself as a motor-engineer, complained that his saloon-car had been stolen while he was attending a timber sale at Halifax.

Although official action was taken, no trace of the missing car could be found, and Pylaw succeeded in obtaining £250 from an insurance company in consequence.

Inspector Steele, Chief of the C.I.D., E Division, in whose area Davis has been operating, and who will doubtless soon bring him to book

Why, then, did he disappear? The truth is that on the very same day that he had reported the loss of his car he had really taken it to a firm in Lincoln and had it repainted.

The new colour-scheme he had selected constituted an effective disguise, and, when the insurance money was in his possession, he even had the audacity to sell the vehicle in a different part of the country.

This deception could not be sustained, however, so Pylaw, who is also known by the names of Pyrah and Lawrence, disappeared from Morley, though not before he had added to his plunder by passing several worthless cheques.

Hundreds of similar cases to those cited above are recorded in official circles, and shady car transactions are so prevalent that some new system of registration is (if necessary) needed if such rogues are to be frustrated.

TWO "PLUS" MEN

Two Men—Two "Bullets"—Two Fortunes

SITTING with his wife by their fireside, facing poverty caused by months of unemployment, a Rotherham engine-driver was wondering where next to turn to provide for his wife and eight children.

Five of the little ones, all bonny, bright-eyed girls, were clustered happily round their father and mother, knowing nothing of the wolf at the door of their tiny house.

Suddenly, above the noise of the storm raging outside, came a knock at the door and the wolf departed as suddenly as the messenger had arrived.

Happiness and sunshine

For that buff envelope brought the staggering news that the father had been awarded the First Prize of £4,000 in "Bullets" No. 694.

So overcome was the winner, Mr. J. W. Dolphin, of 63, Duncan Street, Brinsworth, Rotherham, that he could not write the reply. His wife, although trembling with excitement, was able to frame a few words of acknowledgment.

Happiness reigned that night in a home that had been almost shattered by the storms of life. What mattered

Mr. G. Parton *Mr. J. W. Dolphin*

the wind and the rain outside, now that the sun was shining within?

For the "Bullet"—Everybody—Finding Winston—"A Handful"—Mr. Dolphin has received a handful beside which his ordinary earnings of about £3 a week seem ridiculous.

Yet when there is work for him again at the Rotherham Main Colliery, where he has been employed all his life, you will find Mr. Dolphin back again on the cab of his engine.

"We shall celebrate a little," he said. "My little girls will have the toys they want and for the first time for many years we shall be able to have a real Christmas."

"They're safe now!"

In the plans for the future which the prizewinner and his wife are making, the welfare of their children is the first consideration.

"Thank goodness, they're safe now!" were Mr. Dolphin's words. And his wife just smiled. "I am glad and more than happy" was all she could say, but tears of joy in her eyes said all that was in her heart.

One of the first to congratulate Mr. Dolphin on his success was another "Bullets" competitor, Mr. G. Parton, who also works in a Rotherham colliery. You see him on this page shaking hands with the £4,000 winner.

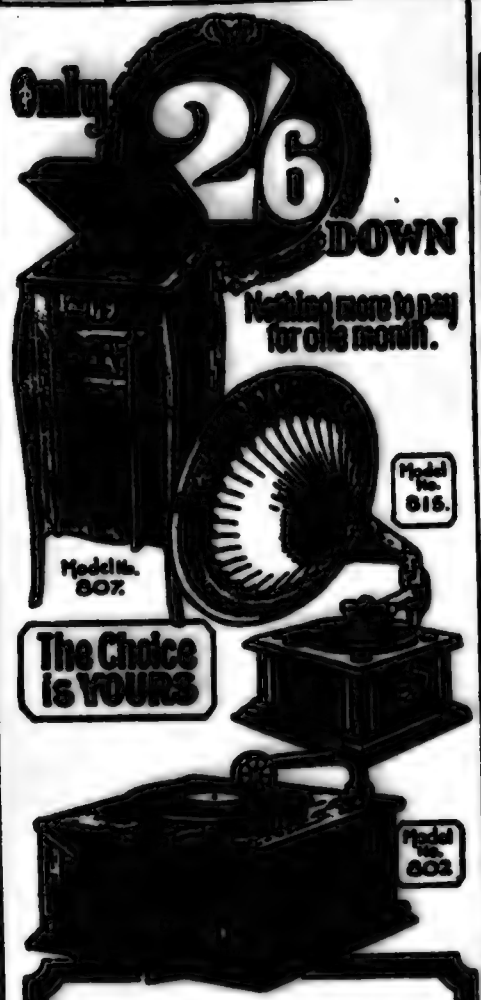
And Mr. Parton knows what it means for a mine-worker to receive a big "Bullets" cheque. He it was who carried off a bumper prize of £1,500 just a hundred competitions ago, his "Bullet" being—Britannia—Looking Overseas—Overlooking Land.

He has left behind the tumbledown little cottage at Dale Road, Rawmarsh, where he was living at the time of his big win. To-day he is enjoying the fruits of success in a trim new home at 20, Mayhon Avenue, Rotherham.

Another chance!

"I should have had a bad time of it," he said, "had it not been for JOHN BULL's big prize."

What "Bullets" has done for these two men, "Bullets" can do for you. We are seeking another £1,500 winner this week, as well as recipients for 500 cash Christmas-boxes and 500 Surprise Gifts. Let page 39 bring you success!



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The DEMON UNDERTAKER

A Hound with a Hearse

A FEW days ago, in the House of Commons, Mr. Day asked the Minister of Health whether his attention had been called to the charges demanded by undertakers in working-class areas.

He urged the introduction of legislation to give local authorities the power to license all undertakers and to approve a scale of charges.

Behind this enquiry lies a grave public scandal which we have been at some pains to investigate.

The scandal involves a species of villainy which deserves stronger words than we can put into print. A man who swindles a fellow-creature who is in a normal state of mind is at least man enough to "tackle somebody his own size."

But the man who swindles a fellow-creature who is blinded with grief through the loss of a loved one is a snake in the bracken, and ought to be treated as such.

Black sheep

The particular sort of scoundrel to which we refer is found in the ranks of the undertakers.

The majority of the profession are decent, straightforward men, who give their clients a fair deal for their money, and are using their utmost endeavours through their professional organisation to stamp out the evils.

But there are some black sheep who take mean advantage of their position to prey upon helpless men and women in the hour of their agony, and to filch from them their little hoard of savings, perhaps the savings of a lifetime.

These death-bed reptiles pursue their victims with all the cunning of the serpent. Competition among them is extremely keen, and each of them has his touts, who, as a rule, receive a 5 per cent. commission.

These touts are men in various callings. One of the most useful touts to an undertaker is an insurance agent, because such a man is likely to know for how much the bereaved is insured.

Naturally, this is a most valuable piece of information to one of the fraternity, because it tells him the limit to which he can charge.

Costly consolation

Not long ago a poor woman in Lambeth lost her husband. No sooner did the death occur than she received a visit from an undertaker, who spoke to her in a kindly and consoling manner, and persuaded her to "leave it all to him."

The widow did so, with the result that she received a bill for between £50 and £60, which was exactly the sum she received on her husband's life policy. Two days later she was forced to apply to the relief committee for aid.

Another favourite tout is a coroner's officer. In the case of an inquest, the body is taken to a mortuary for examination, and this is usually done through the officer on an order by the coroner.

In three particular London districts, the coroner's officer invariably gives the order for removal to certain firms of undertakers—firms, mark you, which are conspicuous for their touting methods.

It would be interesting to know what private arrangements exist between the interested parties.

Not long ago a significant case came to the notice of the British Undertakers' Association. A fire occurred in South London, in which several people lost their lives.

Although there happened to be a reputable firm of undertakers within less than two hundred yards from the

The Rt. Hon. Sir William Joynson-Hicks, M.P., who has wisely refused to grant licences to undertakers as recommended by the association

spot, the coroner's officer insisted on going to another firm about a mile and a half away.

Touting preacher

As it happened, there was no one in the office of this latter firm at the time. Nevertheless, the coroner's officer would go to no other, even though the removal of the bodies was delayed for several hours.

In another instance, where an inquest was to be held, the coroner's officer actually took the commission for removal out of the hands of a firm of undertakers who had received instructions from the deceased's relatives.

He did this, although the first firm had already got the body in a coffin. The order, of course, was given to the firm which he always selected.

Mortuary attendants are also drawn into the service of these touting firms, and even registrars of deaths. But we must hand the prize to the firm which actually employs as tout a local preacher.

We find that this preacher calls at houses in South London where deaths have occurred. No one could be more sympathetic than he. Nobody could offer up more heartfelt prayers for the dead.

The bereaved family is quite touched by his eloquence, and when at the door he murmurs the name and address of a firm of undertakers, they feel that he has not left a single stone unturned.

Needless to say, this gentleman invariably recommends the same firm.

Even vicarages are happy hunting-grounds for the undertaker's tout. A London vicar received an anonymous gift of a sacred picture.

When he came to examine it he was surprised to find the trade card of a firm of undertakers inserted at the bottom of the frame.

At first thought one might feel surprised that such elaborate efforts should be made to secure clients. But it is easy to understand them when one comes to consider the facts.

Abused trust

When once a client has been secured, everything is in favour of the unscrupulous undertaker. The tears of the bereaved blind their eyes to trickery and extortion. Loyalty and affection for the dead make them recklessly open-handed.

Nor is there any licence which the undertaker runs the risk of forfeiting if he over-reaches himself in his roguery.

Once a client is in his clutches, he can do with him (or her) more or less what he pleases. What does a poor, weeping widow know about the scale of funeral charges?

Even if she did know, there are plenty of loopholes for insidious extortion, and she is in no mood to haggle. Like her doctor, she trusts her undertaker to give her a fair deal. The latter may give her good value for her money, or he may not.

Even the sharpest of undertakers is bound to make scant profits out of some of his clients for the simple reason that they have only a very little money.

He has to adjust matters, therefore, by charging extra from those who have more.

Last year an undertaker, knowing that no relative was likely to appear at a ceremony, made arrangements for a funeral of the "pauper" class, and sent in a bill for seventy-five guineas.

Others, with less-hardened consciences, provide a class of funeral more in accordance with the fee.

High cost of dying

But in either case one thing is certain: the undertaker, if he is one of the fraternity, will charge up to the last halfpenny of the liquid assets which, from information supplied by his touts, he knows that the bereaved possesses.

We must admit that the majority of undertakers would do all they could to prevent such scandalous practices. In particular, the British Undertakers' Association intends to take vigorous action in the matter.

Mr. D. Arlett, who has already raised the matter of these funeral scandals in the London County Council. In view of our revelations he is going to reopen the question

Suggestions are being made that every undertaker should be obliged to charge according to the fixed scales drawn up by the association. Of these charges we will merely quote the following, which apply in the London area:

For a Class 1 funeral, with a covered or smoothed elm coffin, no mouldings, two pairs of handles, plate, machine coach or car and pair, bearers and attendance, the scale price is £8.

For a Class 2 funeral, with a polished elm coffin, single moulding, three pairs of brassed handles, plate, car and coach pairs, bearers and attendance, £11 10s.

The scale charge for a coach and pair is £3 10s., and for a single horse carriage £1 15s.

These figures give some idea of the extent of profiteering which takes place when £50, £75, or even £100 is charged for funerals little different from those described above.

Covered deception

Time and again an unscrupulous undertaker conceals his shortcomings behind the generosity of the dead man's friends. For who can tell whether a coffin is plain or polished when it is hidden under flowers?

It is time that this disgraceful scandal of touting and trickery was put to an end, and the business of undertaking set on a proper footing.

As things are, the unworthy members of the profession can do almost exactly as they like, for they are neither licensed nor registered, and there is no corporate body or properly constituted authority to which they are answerable.

In 1925, a Bill was read in Parliament providing that undertakers should be registered on appointment by a properly established board. This Bill was rejected.

It is now being suggested that undertakers should be licensed under the supervision of town councils. This is certainly a measure of legislation which is long overdue.

Both in Portugal and America action is being taken to control the excessive cost of funerals. In this country undertakers of the shady sort have had things their own way far too long. It is time that these gentlemen were brought to heel.

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The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, Lambeth Palace, S.W.

YOUR GRACE,—You have this week been enthroned as head of the Church of England. Few Primates of the past shouldered anything approaching the burden of problems which confront you. From within, the Church looks to you to ease dissensions which might wreck the whole fabric of the Faith. From without, the country is crying out for strong, noble leadership in things spiritual. There are empty churches and empty hearts to be filled. I do not envy you your task, but I share with the country confidence in your sincerity and abilities. JOHN BULL.

The Rt. Hon. MONTAGU NORMAN, Governor of the Bank of England.

DEAR SIR,—Really, these new £1 and 10s. bank notes are as bad as the new sixpence. The designs are deplorable. The lady in the watermark is more amazing than an Amazon—and who *is* the dreadful dowager on the left? Not Britannia, I hope. Quite candidly, these notes lack British character, dignity and individuality, while the reversal of the old colours will cause endless confusion. And why has the head of the King been removed from the paper currency of the Realm? The whole business is unworthy of the Bank of England. JOHN BULL.

Lady EMILY LUTYENS, 13, Mansfield Street, W.

DEAR LADY EMILY,—You have had a brain-wave. You would like to see founded a school to make aristocrats, a place where you could train children to be the "flower of mankind." The teacher would be a "perfect aristocrat," who would set out to make his (or her) charges "perfect human beings." And can't I just see the finished products! The most appalling batch of prigs ever let loose. JOHN BULL.

Lady INVERCLYDE, Register Office, Henrietta Street, W.C. (Please forward.)

MY LADY,—Statements by yourself and others in the public Press on your second marriage, so soon after your divorce, is my excuse for intruding on what would otherwise be a private matter. I am glad that the broken threads of your old love affair have been picked up, and I wish you and husband No. 2 every happiness. Forgive me though, if I spare a thought for your first husband who has been overlooked. I wish him the best of luck as well! JOHN BULL.

Senor CAPABLANCA, Havana, Cuba.

DEAR SENOR,—You are a brave man. There are few who would dare the wrath of chess devotees by suggesting, as you have done in the *Times*, that two extra pieces should be added to the chess-board and the board itself enlarged to a hundred squares. The thought sends a shudder down my spine. I would rather run the risk of suggesting that two extra stumps should be added to the wicket or that the "Rugger" ball should be round. Check, senor! JOHN BULL.

Squadron-Leader H. J. L. HINKLER, Royal Air Force.

DEAR SIR,—Your unostentatious return to London, following your epic flight to Australia in fifteen and a half days, fills me with admiration. Perhaps only in air circles is it realised that your great achievement ranks second only to that of Lindberg, the other great lone flyer. That you have not been knighted for this amazing piece of empire-linking puzzles me, for in the history-books your name will rank with those of Alcock and Browne, the Atlantic heroes. Compared with some of those "politically" knighted, you deserve a peerage! JOHN BULL.

Councillor J. E. SMITH, Lord Mayor of Portsmouth.

May it please your Worship. You must be a "card." As the first British Lord Mayor who is also a member of the Salvation Army, you are already unique. But your notion of giving 12,000 poor Portsmouth children a rattling good party, instead of holding a traditional New Year's Ball, is gorgeous. The good sense and Christian charity of the idea are obvious. Besides this, your party will be much better fun than a municipal ball. Make all the aldermen dress up as Father Christmases and clowns, and you will deserve the whole world's applause.

JOHN BULL.

Dr. P. P. LAIDLAW and Mr. G. W. DUNKIN.

GENTLEMEN,—Your patient researches have discovered the cause and prevention of distemper in dogs. I congratulate you from the bottom of my heart. Veterinary research, on the whole, is woefully lethargic and behind the times. If the Royal Veterinary College would only take a leaf out of your book, and find the cure of those diseases which destroy hundreds of thousands of valuable animals each year, it would earn, as you have done, the gratitude and applause of the nation.

JOHN BULL.

P.S.—My bulldog sends hearty barks of joy.

Baron EMILE d'ERLANGER, 139, Piccadilly, W.

DEAR BARON,—For many years you have fought doggedly for the building of a Channel tunnel. You have not yet succeeded, but I hear from friends in Parliament that official opposition to the project is weakening. I hope this is true. There are no valid reasons why the "chunnel" should not be built; and during choppy weather there are many invalid ones, in bath-chairs, why it should. JOHN BULL.

The Rev. J. KINCHIN SMITH, M.A., The Vicarage, Studley, Oxford.

REV. SIR,—You have offered in vain to marry free any of the young couples in the village of Waterperry, Oxfordshire, where no wedding has taken place for four years, although there are about thirty young men and plenty of eligible girls. You have even held dances for the courting couples, but without leading any to the altar. Have faith, vicar. Remember Mimms! When they started marrying there you couldn't stop them! JOHN BULL.

Straight from the Shoulder

THE BISHOP OF BLACKBURN:—"The kingdom of God is not necessarily a product of committees."

The Churches may get somewhere when that truth is recognised.

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SIR REGINALD BLOMFIELD:—"Most people nowadays do not wish to stay at home."

While a large proportion have no home worth mentioning to stay in.

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Mr. RAMSAY MACDONALD:—"There is too much leakage from the Civil Service into private industry."

But precious little real industry leaking into the Civil Service.

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SIR WILFRED GRENFELL:—"To have lots of difficulties makes life worth living."

Try it on an empty stomach and still emptier pocket and then talk.

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Mr. CLYNES:—"There would be good results if Mr. Baldwin translated into action the things he says on platforms."

And better if the Labour Party managed to put a few of its visions into effect.

President COOLIDGE, The White House, Washington, U.S.A.

DEAR SIR,—The spectacle you present to the world on the eve of retirement from the presidential chair is illuminating. It aptly illustrates the impossibility of running with the hare and hunting with the hounds. To hold in one hand the Fifteen Cruiser Bill, and in the other American participation in the World Court of International Justice is to show too undecided a spirit to be worth following. Possibly this is one reason for America deciding on a change of skipper to guide the ship of State. Her people give every sign of desiring to take a lead in achieving world peace.

These are democratic days, and the statesmen are wisest who recognise that they are elected not as autocrats, but to give effect to the will of the people. Had you realised this you would long ago have scrapped the cruisers and charted a straight course by the Kellogg Pact.

JOHN BULL.

Mr. D. H. LAWRENCE, Novelist.

DEAR SIR,—The last time you came before my notice was when I had occasion to deal with an amazingly foul book by yourself, which had been smuggled into London from abroad. I have just read an article by you in a daily paper, in which you ask, "Is England still a man's country?" You know that it is at least sufficiently so to force pornographers to seek printers in other climes. Yes, England is still a man's country, not a beast's. JOHN BULL.

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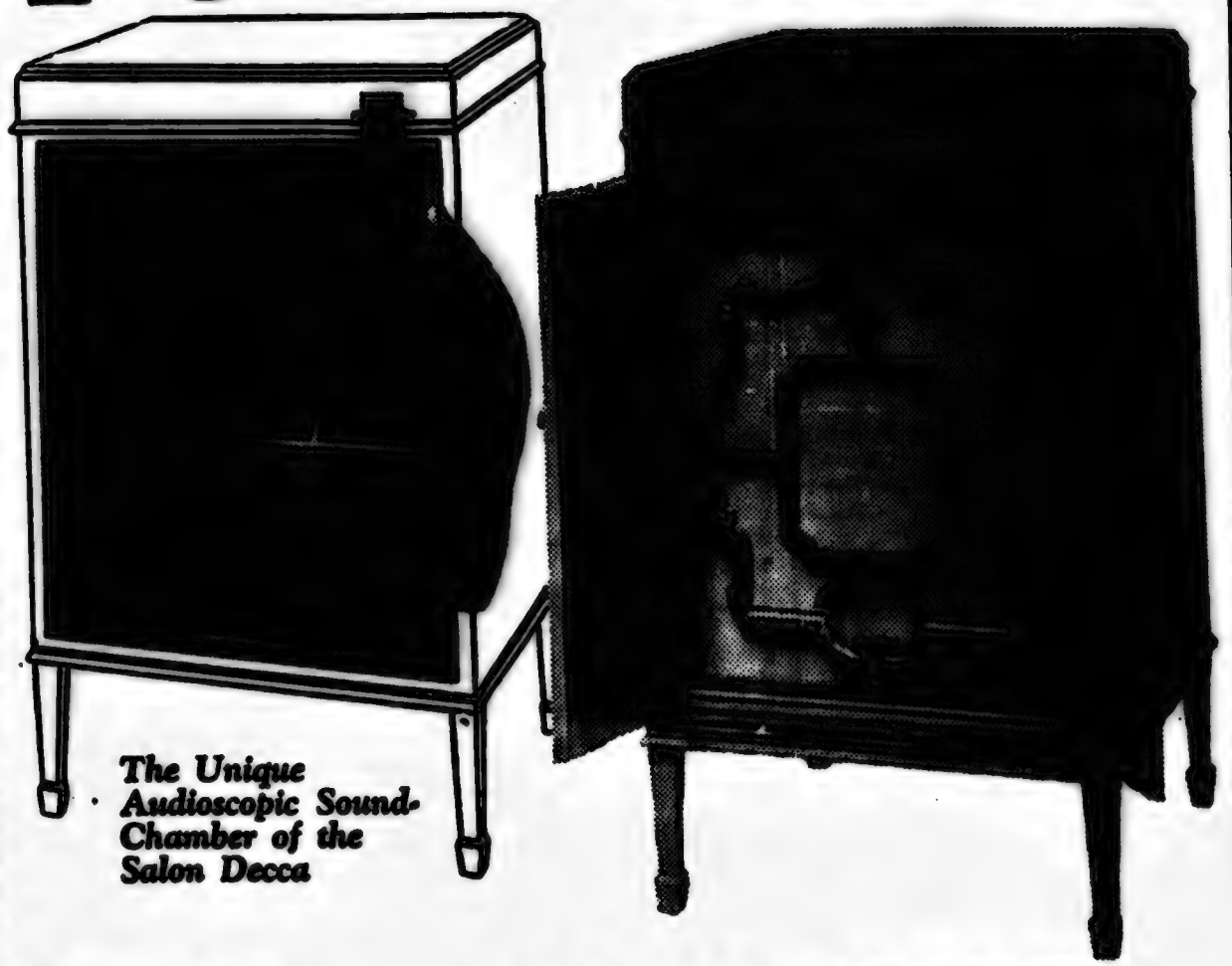

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The Truth About Things—by the Editor

A POSTBAG to bring a BLUSH

The Misery of Boots

A SPECIAL Conference of Women has been held in London to discuss boots. There is an urgent and immediate need for boots—sound, whole boots; boots that will keep out the weather, boots that will keep the winter's slush and cold from the suffering feet of children who are well-nigh barefoot.

The conference was called by the Standing Joint Committee of Industrial Women's Organisations. This is composed of, and representative of, women in close personal touch with the need. They are conversant with the facts of illness that comes to children who must walk the cold, wet roads in broken, rotting boots.

They are familiar with statistics. They have tabulated the facts to be presented to the lords and gentlemen legislating for the country's needs in His Majesty's Parliament.

For these industrial organisations of women are practical. They know that casual charity has been relied upon too long to meet the children's need. They visualise the children as of national importance and they are working to get the children's problem settled on broad national lines.

To this end they have drafted a Bill for which support is being sought in Parliament. It is, of course, an emergency Bill, operative so long as the mining distress lasts. This Bill definitely authorises local authorities to supply boots to necessitous children and under it the Government is required to meet 90 per cent. of the cost.

THE cries of "Pauperisation!" and "Sapping parental responsibility" that always go up at proposals of any extension of benefits to the poor should, in this particular instance, in very shame die in the throat. If any man attempts to raise them we can, in this office, show him letters calculated to shock him into silence.

The parents of these children have no means. They are willing to work, but they have no work. They want to buy boots, but they have no money. If they live on relief the relief is largely given in the form of food tickets. If there is cash, where every farthing must be spent in food to keep body and soul together, the purchase of a single article of clothing becomes an impossibility.

This is the miners' tragedy. They are, at the moment, living in a state of emergency, and emergency measures for their relief must be taken.

IN 1914, when millions of men needed boots, they were forthcoming. Millions of men, in a manner almost miraculous, were supplied with boots. They were given strong boots, sound boots, boots calculated to keep out the most inclement weather, and the Government provided, not 90 per cent., but the whole of the cost.

Nobody grumbled. It was a state of emergency and the country gladly footed the bill.

To-day the country is confronted, not with the problems of war, but with the problems of peace. Those are going to be the world problems of the future. As the old world did not leave its fighting forces to starve and go unclothed, so will the new world scorn to see its industrial armies perish.

The same wealth, even greater resources, and certainly more intelligence, is available for this new task. Let us begin with the children. They are dying of pulmonary complaints. They are suffering from rheumatism. It is a disgrace to civilisation.

There never was a moment in history when mass production on the largest scale, and at the cheapest rate, was so possible. At the Leather Fair recently held in London a machine was exhibited capable of manufacturing 600 pairs of boots in eight hours.

It is utter nonsense to say we "cannot" see the country's children shod. If they are barefoot, perishing of cold, when the snow comes, it is because we *won't*.

The Derating Wood Scene of "The Babes in the Wood" at the Westminster Pantomime

Miss Margaret Bondfield, M.P., who is sponsoring the Children's Boot Bill

UNCONSIDERED *TRIFLES*

THERE is a cot in the Children's Ward of King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, London, entirely supported by scraps of paper that thousands of people, after a glance, toss away as rubbish.

Mr. George Giddings, of 30, Coldharbour Lane, Camberwell, noticed the eagerness of schoolboys in collecting cigarette cards, and determined to turn the hobby to account.

He has organised a wonderful business. He sells the cards in complete sets, or oddments to make up sets. He collects from friends, many JOHN BULL readers. He has customers in New Zealand, Madrid and Australia. He has had enquiries from Siam.

Crippled soldiers, lying helpless in hospital cots, are finding the hobby of collecting amusing. Mr. Giddings is a cripple, a disability some would find sufficient excuse for doing nothing. But he uses his enforced leisure to collect cigarette cards and support sick children.

It is a lesson with a punch for many of his more fortunate brothers.

The Human Machine

LOOK AROUND

ONE of the greatest mistakes in life is to go around looking for the perfect places and the perfect things. It will only end in disappointment.

There is very little in this life that is perfect. You will have to look a long way before you find it. Why waste time?

You will only make yourself irritated and you will probably end up by becoming a cynic.

A much better plan is to look around for the things that are not so bad and to try and make them better. That is the way to enjoy life, and that is the way to be so fully occupied that you have no time to be sorry for yourself.

There are lots of things in life that are not so bad—and they could be a great deal better if only we would set about making them better.

Why not look around and see what you can do? You are just as important as anyone else. Perhaps you have never thought of it in that way before? Well, think of it now!

His Majesty the King

His Majesty THE KING

by A. G. GARDINER

IT is said that there is a soul of good in things evil, and it is true, I think, that even so unhappy an event as the King's illness has its redeeming features. It has served to remind the country of its indebtedness to the tenants of Buckingham Palace, and to give expression to a gratitude and an affection which have hitherto found no suitable occasion for utterance.

There has been no such occasion for the best of all reasons. The business of a monarch in the modern democratic State is not to be an irritant, but a smoother, and the less ostentatiously he functions, the better he does his work.

If we want an example of what a King should not be like, we have it in the person of the eminent exile who is cutting down trees in Holland.

The ex-Kaiser was a theatrical egotist who was always in the limelight, posturing, hectoring, threatening. He kept his own people in a state of nerves, and he kept the world in a fever of apprehension, and the end was a catastrophe without parallel in history.

Death to despots

With that catastrophe despotic monarchy vanished from the face of the earth. The despots were swept from their thrones as the leaves are swept from the trees in an autumn gale—and they will never return. You may draw a line through Europe and Asia, from the English Channel to the sea of Japan, without touching a country where a monarchy remains.

There is a fringe of petty monarchies round Europe, but there are only two of the great historic thrones left in the world, the throne of this country and the throne of Japan.

And the remarkable fact is that the storm which swept away the great dynasts of the world has left the throne of this country more secure than it has been in living memory—more secure, perhaps, than it has been in history.

When I was young and Joseph Chamberlain was coming into fame as the Republican mayor of Birmingham, Republicanism was a growing force—thanks to the rather despotic attitude of that otherwise estimable Queen, Victoria.

Duty first

To-day, there is no Republican Party in the country, and practically no Republican feeling. In the meantime, Labour has risen to political power, but it accepts the throne as loyally as any Party. The issue is dead.

It is dead because the throne has been democratised. And I think history will say that the chief artificer of this momentous fact is the King who lies ill at Buckingham Palace, and for whose recovery there is a universal and heartfelt prayer.

It is probable that history will not say that he was a great man, but it will say that he was a wise man, and that he was, above all, the man for the occasion.

He had to meet a tidal wave of change, and, like the good seaman that he is, he adjusted his sails to the storm. He was happily equipped by Nature for the emergency. He is the least stagy and theatrical of men, friendly, good-natured, unaffected; a little blunt and direct as a sailor should be, but the soul of truth and candour.

He is at ease in all company, and all company is at ease with him. He cultivates no "King's Party," and knows nothing of cliques or social discriminations.

No intrigue has ever been associated with his name, and no personal ambition or vanity distracts him from the simple conception of constitutional duty that he holds. He conceives himself, not as a despot who imposes his will on his people, but as the instrument through which the duly declared will of the people is given expression.

Ideal model

It is by this steady, unwavering acceptance of the democratic idea that he has accommodated sovereignty to the modern conditions, and has weathered the greatest storm that ever blew over the thrones of the world. In a word, he is the ideal citizen King—the model of the only type of kingship that can survive in the modern world.

Nor is it only his public bearing that has enabled him to re-establish the monarchy on a new and more secure foundation. His private life has enormously enhanced the *prestige* of the throne. In a time of unparalleled moral and social dissolution he and the Queen have stood for the older and soberer standards of conduct.

There has never been a reign more free, there has perhaps never been a reign so free, from the breath of scandal or from those domestic upheavals so commonly associated with the life of palaces. Both by his conduct as a King and as a man he has rescued the name of George from the odium with which his namesakes on the throne had tarnished it.

The public is sensible of all this, and that fact explains the deep and sincere concern which the King's illness has aroused. Under his auspices, throne and people have established a new and better relationship, and no one desires that the great experiment which owes so much to his good sense should be interrupted by any untoward circumstance.

Lighten the burden!

The peril in which he has been, from which I trust he has now emerged, has in it a note of warning. And it is this note to which the mind of the King's advisers should give heed.

It is foolishly assumed that the life of the monarch is a perpetual holiday. In fact, of course, it is a life of the most exacting and unmitigated servitude, to ceaseless duties of that formal and official kind that is most depressing.

No one who knows what personal freedom is, how much of our happiness depends on the private citizen's liberty to go and be and do and say what he chooses, can doubt the heavy burden of a life to which all these liberties are denied.

This burden needs lightening. The King's normal health is happily good, but he is no longer young. I have a peculiar reason for appreciating that, for I anticipated his entry into the world by a few hours, and can understand something of the toll that the intervening years have taken of his energies.

His devotion to his country and his high sense of duty will never permit him to lessen his burden by his own action, but it ought to be within the competence of his political and medical advisers to induce him, as his first duty to the public, to take steps to conserve his health and his strength.

His present illness gives such counsel an emphasis that he himself could hardly resist. I hope it will be given. And I am sure that the most earnest wish of the public is that it should be taken.

PLAIN WORDS ON

The £400 Year

by ROBERT WILLIAMS

I SEE that my friend Davie Kirkwood has been broadcasting in Parliament that £400 a year is good enough for him and, therefore, should be enough for everyone else. He says that on £400 a year "I am well fed, well clothed and well housed, and I am as healthy as anybody in this House." This statement of Mr. Kirkwood's is comparable with that made by Mr. John Burns prior to 1906, before he became one of His Majesty's Ministers in the Liberal Government of 1906-1914. Mr. Burns, however, said that no one was worth more than £500 a year.

Mr. Robert Williams

Time changes one's outlook, and I have yet to learn that Mr. Burns on assuming the onerous duties of President of the Local Government Board did not take the "trade union rate" for the work he did so well for his Party and for the State.

I suppose Mr. Kirkwood amplifies his precarious £400 a year by his lectures and writing occasional articles for the popular Press.

Nor should it be forgotten that in the summer of this year Mr. Kirkwood was the guest of the Canadian section of the Empire Parliamentary Association. Mr. Kirkwood, I presume, travelled first-class and enjoyed all the hospitality his voyage afforded him.

One might imagine that a disgruntled sailor or fireman living in the stoke-hold on the liner in which Mr. Kirkwood travelled would say that if stokehold accommodation was good enough for members of the ship's company, there was no need to provide first-class accommodation and cuisine for a rebel like Mr. Kirkwood.

YOUR modern trade union leader, in my judgment, is anything but overpaid. He has to have a knowledge of accountancy and of law, and his power of advocacy has to compare favourably with that of a skilled barrister.

I myself have taken part in arbitration proceedings in which our opponents have briefed a very well-known K.C., who collected from his brief, which lasted some twenty-three days, as much as I was taking for a full year's salary.

In the latter years of the war many of my previous fellow-workmen, including two of my

Watch for a REAL BIG RAMP!

by E. ROFFE THOMPSON

THE time to stop a ramp is before it has been organised, and before people have been relieved of their money, and unless I am much mistaken there is as pretty a ramp brewing to-day as any I have ever seen.

There has been a lot of talk, in JOHN BULL among other places, about what is called "low-temperature carbonisation of coal." This merely means the treatment of coal at a temperature which lowers. For instance, the gas companies treat it in order to extract gas so that very valuable oils that coal contains shall be preserved, and not dissipated in smoke.

It is not generally known, but it is a fact that for years the National Exchequer has supported a fuel research station at Greenwich, where much time and money have been spent on an experimental plant for this so-called low-temperature carbonisation.

It is the taxpayers' money that has maintained this station—your money. Experiments have proved successful and the process has now been put upon a strictly economic basis

What I want to know is whether the nation—that is to say, you and I—is going to benefit from the result of these experiments that have been carried on so successfully at our expense.

Where do we come in?

At present I doubt it. The Government recently guaranteed to Messrs. Pearson and Dorman Long the sum of two million pounds for the development of the Kent coalfields. Part of that money is being spent on the erection of a low-temperature carbonisation plant at the Snowdown Colliery.

This two million pounds is our money, but what guarantee have we that we shall gain any benefit from the money that has been advanced to this firm?

Let us look behind the scenes for a moment. Messrs. Pearson and Dorman Long have commissioned the Illingworth Carbonisation Company to fit up a plant which will produce 400 tons of smokeless fuel per day.

The process is going to be similar to the process employed at the Greenwich research station, and the Illingworth Carbonisation Company has made an unqualified commercial success of it. It has been producing this smokeless fuel at its works at Pontypridd at the rate of fifty tons per day, and it is selling it in that town at 27s. 6d. per ton.

The fuel is admittedly superior to the very best house coal, and even at 27s. 6d. per ton the Illingworth Carbonisation Company is making a profit of 7s. per ton.

Wealth from waste

There is no secret about all this. These are facts. Now the point is this: If the Illingworth Carbonisation Company can do this we are surely entitled to expect that the Snowdown Colliery, with its larger plant, will be able to sell its smokeless fuel at a like figure.

We surely have a right to expect that it will, since it is our money that has been advanced to them to enable them to operate at all.

The matter is important enough, for the market price of this low-temperature carbonisation fuel at present manufactured by the Coalite Company is 52s. 6d. a ton to-day in London, and there is a ready sale for all the company turns out.

I know nothing of the profits the Coalite Company is making. The point is that the Illingworth Carbonisation Company makes a profit of 7s. a ton by selling at 27s. 6d. a ton, and unless the National Exchequer extracts some guarantee from Messrs. Pearson and Dorman Long they will in all probability refuse to undercut the Coalite Company. They will sell at 52s. 6d. a ton, and they will make a profit of 32s. a ton.

Clearly there ought to be some very definite guarantee that the advantage of this enormous subsidy will be passed on to the consumer.

The Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, M.P., Chancellor of the Exchequer, to whom some searching questions should be addressed about smokeless fuel

It is not only important for the private consumer. It is possible to produce and to produce economically from the waste slack left annually in our mine workings 42-million tons of smokeless fuel, over 1,000-million gallons of oil fuel and lubricants, 180-million gallons of motor spirit, more than 200-million therms of rich gas, and 900-million pounds of fertilisers.

All this can be produced from what is now sheer waste, remember, and the oil alone represents nearly our total present imports.

Tremendous profits

It does not need much thought to see what tremendous profits are in the offing unless there is some sort of guarantee extracted from the company now about to embark on the opening of this new Aladdin's Cave.

The Gas Light and Coke Company, too, has had a grant of public money for a low-temperature carbonisation plant at Richmond. Is the public to benefit from that grant of public money or is it not?

The South Metropolitan Gas Company is also fitting up a plant which will treat 2,000 tons of coal per week. Is the price of this smokeless fuel also to be 52s. 6d. per ton or will all these companies be satisfied with the very nice profit of 7s. a ton, as the Illingworth is?

It is clear—is it not?—that what I said at the beginning is true. There is as pretty a ramp about to develop as we have ever seen.

Is the consumer—that is, the British public—to sit idly by while this ramp which he has partially financed is developed at his expense? Are the working miners, on whom everything primarily depends, to continue to receive wages which are a national disgrace? Are the unemployed miners to continue to be unemployed and drag out a wretched existence on a pittance of public money?

A question to put

We, the taxpayers, have paid for the fuel-research station, and we are surely entitled to the fruits of that research.

The plain fact is that science, backed by public money, has opened up a colossal new industry. It is not too much to say that it has opened up the greatest road to national prosperity that we have glimpsed for many years.

It is surely only common-sense to insist that the profit from this accrues to the nation and not to a few groups of financial money-hunters.

In any case, the duty of Members of Parliament is crystal clear, and I hope someone will be public spirited enough to ask Mr. Winston Churchill what guarantees he has extracted from those whose success is going to depend on the public money they have already received that the public will not be mercilessly fleeced by them.

If these guarantees have not been received, they must be demanded, and Parliament must see that they are obtained.

DS TO KIRKWOOD

400 Year Sham

T WMS (*the well-known Labour leader*)

own brothers, were taking more in wages than I was receiving in salary, largely, if I may say so, as a result of my organising capacity.

THIS stupid claim of levelling downwards is doing the Labour movement incomparable harm. The American Labour movement is, I think, on stronger intellectual and economic grounds in demanding high productive capacity, high wages and corresponding high purchasing power, to remove all possibility of industrial crises and consequent unemployment.

In political matters I am as far as the poles apart from Lord Birkenhead, but I would say this, that I profoundly agree with his lordship when he pointed out in a recent reply to Dean Inge that it was a scandal that the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. J. Ramsay MacDonald, should be expected to subsist on a beggarly £400 per year.

Even the most obscure miners' Member of Parliament is paid £250 above his Member's salary of £400, bringing him up to £250 in advance of the ex-Prime Minister's salary; also the ex-Prime Minister has to work like a galley-slave and spend the greater portion of his £400 a year to "nurse" his constituency.

It is no business of mine to interfere with the domestic affairs of the Miners' Federation, but I see there is a move afoot to level down the pay of their officials and their Parliamentary representatives. This is economy running wild.

To keep a home going in the provinces and to run an apartment in London for eight or nine months per year on £650 does not conduce to riotous and self-indulgent living.

If the railwaymen had given J. H. Thomas, or another secretary, £400 or £500 per year, they would not have secured the excellent and devoted service Mr. Thomas has given of recent years.

I have been telling employers for twenty years that ill-paid labour is not the best policy in present-day industry. Men like Ben Tillett and Bob Smillie have earned fifty times their salaries, not only in wage increases, but Workmen's Compensation Acts, factory legislation, and Home Office regulations, which contribute to safety of life and limb.

THE trade union officials are the "Civil Service" of the Labour movement. Throw appointments open to competitive examination like most of our Civil Service! Demand the very highest level of capacity! Procure brains to meet the qualifications and capacity of the modern captains of industry!

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15,000 INNOCENT MEN IN JAIL

Relic of Evil Days

THERE are more than 15,000 non-criminal debtors locked up in Britain's prisons at this moment. Two-thirds of this appalling number have lost their liberty, their livelihood and their self-respect because they could not pay debts of less than £10.

Certain unscrupulous traders, operating in all parts of the land, are using the machinery of the law to blackmail their most helpless and impoverished creditors.

Not ten days ago a bricklayer in Paddington was only saved from a prison-cell because his mates subscribed their pence and sixpences to make up the little sum which one of these sharks demanded.

This man's wife, anxious to appear becomingly dressed at the wedding of a relation, bought a frock and coat from a cheap costumier, and arranged that the salesman should allow her a month's credit.

Terrorising threat

Two days after the wedding her husband fell ill, and the finances of his household inevitably suffered acutely.

His wife was unable to carry out her agreement with the costumier; all she could do was to make a plea for more time in which to find the money.

Her request was cynically ignored. The costumier issued a summons in the county court. It was not defended; nor was the judgment obtained on it discharged by the debtor. For, in the eyes of the law, this woman's husband was held responsible for the payment of the money, and he lay ill in bed.

The creditor, determined to recover his money at any cost, called at this man's home. "Unless you pay within three days, I will obtain a committal order, and send you to prison for contempt of court."

Such was the substance of his threat. And the now convalescent bricklayer knew that it was no idle threat. Luckily his friends learned of his predicament and subscribed to release him from the shadow of a debtor's prison.

Vain protest

Our most famous and respected county court judges have worked and protested against such disgraces to British justice, but in vain. Very recently an enormous number of orders, committing debtors for small amounts to prison, have been sought by piratical business firms.

In many cases the judge before whom the applications were made was powerless to prevent the course of injustice. He could only administer the law, and, against his will, he was forced to commit to prison honest men whose only fault was that their wives had pledged their credit.

This is how sharp practice uses the machinery of the law to oppress its creditors.

As has been stated, a man is responsible for his wife's debts so long as he and she are living together. The baser shopkeepers and hire-purchase salesmen earn their incomes by battening on this fact. They persuade the wives of the poor men to make this or that purchase.

Perhaps it is a new garment, which, although no hire-purchase agreement is drawn up, is to be paid for in monthly instalments of 5s. Perhaps it is a gramophone, or even some household utensils, which the suave persuasive salesman imposes on the misguided women.

Mr. J. A. R. Cairns

For a time all goes well. The payments are met regularly. Then comes sickness, unemployment or some other family trouble. Payments fall into arrears. Instantly the smiling salesman turns into a hectoring blackguard. "Pay or you go to jail" he threatens the innocent husband.

Law for the poor

His threat is no empty one. By taking out a summons for arrears against the debtor, by next obtaining judgment against him, and, finally, when no money is forthcoming, by asking the judge for an order to commit the wretched debtor to prison "for contempt of court," the creditors of thousands of poor men condemn them to prison each month.

It is only the poor man who suffers in this shameful way. If the debts amount to £50 or more, the debtor can file a bankruptcy petition and escape even the shadow of a debtors' jail.

This is a flagrant example of "one law for the rich and another for the poor."

Why do creditors send poor men to prison when they know that they have no money to pay their debts?

The answer to this is simple—they do so in order to strike fear into the remainder of their debtors. "We sent ten men to jail last week," they say in effect, "and unless you pay up promptly, you will make the eleventh."

Every magistrate and county court judge in the country loathes this iniquitous system. Listen to Mr. J. A. R. Cairns, the well-known Metropolitan police magistrate:

"With proper discretion exercised by magistrates, the number of debtors committed to prison could be reduced considerably. . . . I certainly think a man should not be committed for debt unless it is an apparent case of deliberate abstention or truculence."

The governor of Birmingham Jail declares that "many debtors in prison are the victims of extravagant wives. Wives do not now seem to be content to be mothers and remain caring for the home. They crave for entertainment and often drink, which entails expense and debt!"

Savage system

"The taxpaper maintains debtors in prison," declare the Commissioners of Prisons, "and the creditor or the woman who is in need of support usually gets nothing.

Such eminent administrators of the law as Judge Crawford and Judge Cluer are absolutely in agreement with these opinions.

They try to diminish the number of committal orders they grant, and they have both lamented, in no uncertain terms, the law which forces them to send honest men to jail for no crime or fault of their own.

Imprisonment for debt has been abolished in the United States, in Germany, in Denmark and Scandinavia.

These countries have found out that two blacks do not make a white; that because a man cannot meet a debt, it is no use jailing him, so that he cannot earn any money with which to pay it in the future.

Great Britain is almost alone in continuing the savage and ridiculous system. Our debtors' prisons are little better than convict prisons.

The imprisoned debtor rises at 6.30 a.m., cleans his cell and breakfasts on a pint of tea, four ounces of bread and some margarine. Then come prayer and an hour's exercise in the bleak prison yard. Next a terrible empty morning, without employment or hope, until dinner is served.

Making criminals

This meal consists of stew, bully-beef, fish or fresh meat and potatoes. After dinner more long hours of solitary idleness, till 4.30 brings "supper-time." "Bedtime," three hours later, ends a routine of inhuman monotony and weariness.

How often do we hear the boast that "imprisonment for debt no longer exists in England." What a lie it is!

In name it has been abolished, but in fact it flourishes as stupid, as vindictive and as wicked as in the days when Charles Dickens described Mr. Pickwick's incarceration in "The Fleet."

The whole thing is a scandal to our laws and humanity. From imprisoned debtor to criminal is only a step. The system is breaking hearts and making potential convicts each week. And all the time unscrupulous tradespeople are waxing fat and rich by exploiting such iniquities.

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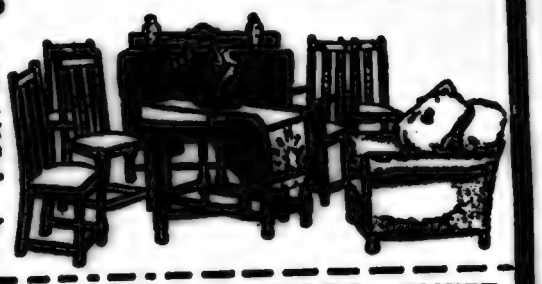

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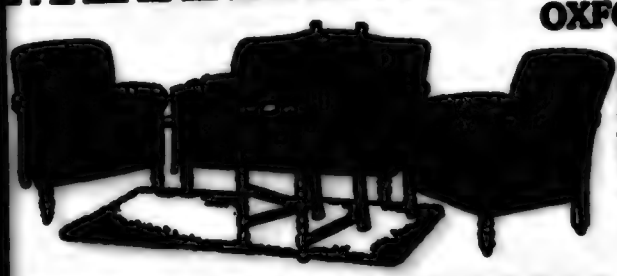

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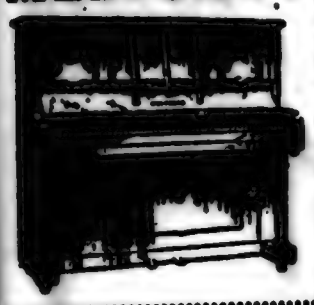

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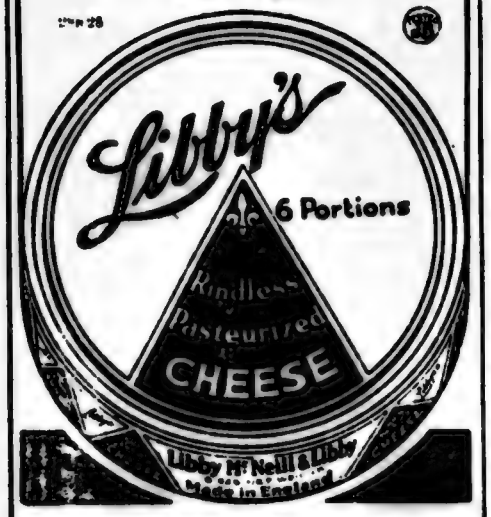

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DOLES for DUKES

A Funny (Oxford) Fellow

AFTER profound thought and consulting several text-books, Dr. Schiller, Fellow of Corpus Christi, Oxford, pleaded "Not guilty" of advocating the use of deleterious preservatives.

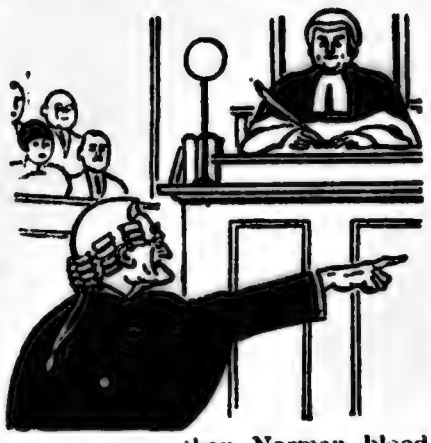
"This charge," said Mr. Watch-dog, K.C., "is based on a lecture to the Royal Society, in which the accused, expatiating on the alleged beauties of the hereditary system, advocated various means for preserving our nobility, new and old, and for keeping the government of the country out of the hands of plebeian outsiders and in those of 'rank' outsiders.

"'The hereditary Second Chamber,' he announced, 'is the single streak of science in our Constitution,' because hereditary ability is 'inherent in certain stocks.' But he went farther even than this.

"The British public, he tells us, is 'essentially and admirably snobbish' and will not believe in distinction unless it is backed by wealth.

"It is, therefore, necessary to discover some means of endowing our eugenical nobility, so that they will be able to cut a dash calculated to satisfy our allegedly snobbish instincts.

"In other words, this learned dunce not only considers that keen brains are less than coronets and



common-sense than Norman blood, but he actually advocates doles for dukes, berths for birth, and gold beans for blue blood—all at the taxpayers' expense!"

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Mr. Strawsplitter said that unless subsidies were provided for aristocrats not well endowed with brewery shares and mining royalties, many peers might be forced to marry American heiresses, and this would in time result in the Americanisation of the Second Chamber.

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"I am at a loss to understand," said Mr. Justice Bull, "why learned counsel should imagine that, at this time of day, citizens desire to have laws made for them by 'the tenth transmitter of a foolish face!'

"Eugenists inform us that we choose horses and dogs on the hereditary principle. But even in the realm of the kennels it is not assumed that the first litter is necessarily the best; whereas our allegedly scientific Second Chamber is recruited on the principle that a first-born idiot is better fitted to reign over us, happy and glorious, than a third or fourth son who may happen to be as richly endowed with broad vision as his elder brother is with broad acres.

"Only a person living a cloistered life remote from practical politics could advocate that those who are legislative barnacles by birth should become financial barnacles by adoption of a blue-blood endowment scheme.

"Yet, not content with talking through his mortar-board, the prisoner attempts to defend his Schiller-shallying by referring to the 'essential snobbery of the British people.'

"In the hope of curing this funny 'Fellow' of his strange delusions about hereditary genius, I will sentence him to compulsory attendance at Upper House debates for the next ten years—and may the Lords have mercy on his soul!"

The STATE'S DIRTY SLATE

Crushed by the Crown

WHEN a scandal has burned itself into the hearts of any one section of the public it is seldom that one finds some of the highest legal authorities in the land amongst those pressing for reform.

Such, however, is the case in connection with the scandalous way in which obstacles are placed in the path of litigants who may have a genuine grievance against the Crown.

That such unfortunate people labour under a gross disadvantage has been realised by Lord Hewart himself, the Lord Chief Justice of England, and by many eminent lawyers.

The truth is that a tyrannous legal system prevails to-day whereby all Ministers and Government Departments can defy claims made against them by private citizens who think they have a right of action, even though that right of action be based upon facts which skilled legal advisers regard as perfectly sound.

Unfortunate claimants

No person, however just his claim may be, can issue a writ in the ordinary way against the Crown—that is to say, any Government Department—without first getting the permission of the Crown to do so.

Take, for example, the hundred and one claims which, as the result of the war, arose against Government Departments by contractors and others who allege that they have not had a square deal.

Deprived of their legitimate rights, these unfortunate claimants cannot sue the Crown at all; yet, had their claims arisen in course of transactions with any ordinary business firm, they would have invoked the law without question. Is it right? Is it just?

Damning report

It means that a bootmaker may be proceeded against by a customer whose feet have been crippled by a faulty pair of boots; yet the Home Office, the Treasury, the Admiralty or any other Government Department may be guilty of all kinds of negligence without being held responsible.

For, in the latter event, a poor would-be litigant, who may have suffered at their hands, cannot institute proceedings without first of all obtaining the sanction of the Attorney-General—in other words, of the Government itself!

Nearly eight years ago a Parliamentary Committee sat, to go into the whole wretched business. Its report was damning and strongly urged a complete reform of the Crown law.

Briefly, it pointed out that the right and proper thing would be for the Crown to be sued in exactly the same way as any ordinary individual.

Why, after all, should the Crown be granted any superior advantages?

Urgent reform needed

As matters now stand, even when a private litigant succeeds in obtaining permission to sue the Crown, the latter still retains all kinds of privileged powers.

For instance, the Crown can demand the production of all kinds of vital documents before an action, yet is empowered to deny the litigant the same right.

The years drift by, but the recommendations of the above committee have not yet passed into law.

The other day Sir Leslie Scott, K.C., who once held the high office of Solicitor-General himself, addressed a meeting urging an immediate reform.

In the interests of justice, and particularly for the sake of litigants who have claims which should be decided in an enlightened country by a proper legal tribunal, we urge the present Lord Chancellor to give this matter his earnest attention.

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Words Winged to Women

The WOMAN WITHOUT A HOME

Appease that House-Hunger

by MABEL HORNER

I WAS talking the other day to a very nice woman. She was a trained nurse, a widow, with one little boy to support. This meant that in the child's holidays—he was away at boarding-school—she had all the difficulty of finding a suitable home.

It was not possible for her to have him in the bed-sitting-room that was her own temporary lodging when out of work, and she had no other home.

She asked me if I knew of any place where a woman situated as she was could keep a little home going, one that would be convenient, in a decent neighbourhood and yet well within her means.

Of course, there are such places, even in London, but they are either crowded to capacity with a long waiting-list or with rentals far beyond an ordinary working woman's means.

This question of homes for single and other working women is one that I have been studying for some years. For many months past I have been making a remarkable collection of photographs.

What can be done

They have every one been published in periodical literature of to-day, and all relate to modern architecture and good housing, particularly the housing of women.

In New York there is now under construction a most striking and wonderful new home for working women.

It is seventeen stories in height, it will house 320 women, half of them in single and half of them in double rooms.

It can be used as an hotel. There will be a swimming-pool, a gymnasium and roof-garden. There will be splendid public rooms for entertainments and social activities when the inmates are tired of being alone.

In Paris the generosity of the citizens has recently made it possible for the Salvation Army to plan and build a home for homeless women that is adequate for their needs and worthy of that great city.

I have it on the authority of Mrs. Bramwell Booth that when she made an appeal in London for £40,000 to provide and equip a building that would properly accommodate 300 women it has proved possible up to now to raise only £6,000.

The splendid building in New York was made possible by the generosity of one extremely wealthy business man who laid down the initial funds. It is expected that it will not only be self-supporting, but will eventually yield a profit.

Britain behind

It is this kind of comparison that has led me to wonder if Great Britain is not lagging behind the rest of the world in the matter of housing, and especially the housing of women.

This is an important matter. It is a national matter. For as the mothers are housed, so will the children be. We cannot expect an A1 nation from C3 parents, housed in abominable slums.

Again, I say this seems to be well recognised in other parts of the world. It is becoming quite common abroad that where a great company rears its factories or spreads its tentacles, there, not far off, shall it likewise ensure adequate and wholesome housing for its employees.

Take, for instance, the new type of workmen's dwelling being built in Vienna. These are not the melancholy structures we know as tenements and workmen's flats here.

I have before me a photograph. It shows a splendid reach of flats built round a fine, open square, interspersed with trees and garden spaces, and in the centre—joy of joys!—a circular paddling-pool for children where the little ones on sunny days can disport themselves.

Two other blocks are featured from Berlin. They are worthy and handsome structures, built with alternate brick and stone courses.

They are designed especially to meet the needs of tramway employees. Each little home looks out upon a spacious balcony. They are arranged to give every house the maximum of air and sun.

Remarkable housing experiments are being made at Amsterdam. Again, to save space and rent, the workmen's dwellings are built in flats.

In the gables of the higher ones are little cranes for hoisting up the furniture, a kindly thought and practical step that I warrant no builder ever thought of embodying in housing schemes over here.

Concrete has put into the hands of the modern builder a material with wonderful possibilities. But that it need not result in the dismal ugliness of many British building schemes for housing the workers is proved by my collection of photographs.

In Holland whole villages have been built by using concrete blocks and mass concrete faced with rough-cast, and a series of most seemly and worthy dwellings is the result.

I could go on to speak of schools, of churches, railway stations and public buildings which on the Continent and in America are going up in seemly beauty, expressed in this material. But my theme is the housing of the people and especially the housing of women.

Great Britain is lagging behind in this matter. For our country's credit the matter must be corrected. Why does not someone with wealth to invest and patriotic spirit to inspire the investment make a worthy start?

Homely Wisdom

DECENCY *in* THOUGHT

by The Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

THERE is a tendency shown by some writers at the present day to portray human nature in some of its most unpleasant aspects.

Mr. Aldous Huxley

This is done in the name of realism, of facing the facts and being honest in admitting them.

Aldous Huxley, for instance, one of the ablest of this school of writers, insists on showing us all up. He grabs us by the scruff of the neck, so to speak, and compels us to look into ourselves and see what a compound of beastliness and warring inconsistencies we all are.

He says that every man (and every woman too for that matter) is an animal with animal desires, that are apt to find vent in dark, furtive, hypocritical and dirty ways.

He challenges the record and the secret thoughts and cravings of the most respectable and seemingly irreproachable persons among us, and sneers at the difference between what we appear to be and the life we live in private.

I WONDER whether a man who writes like this can believe in the genuine nobility of any human soul that has ever lived.

He makes one of his characters say: "Telling men to obey Jesus is telling them to be more than human. And, in practice, trying to be more than human always means succeeding in being less than human. Telling men to obey Jesus literally is telling them, indirectly, to behave like idiots and finally like devils."

He does not say he believes this himself, but he manages to convey the impression that we are all humbugs, even to ourselves, pretending to live by ideals which are flatly contradicted by our daily conduct, especially by the things we carefully conceal from the gaze of the world.

To illustrate this view, he describes in detail the vile and wicked hidden behaviour of imaginary men and women who are accepted by the public as shining lights in their various important spheres.

Like thousands more of the younger generation, this author assumes that it is better to be frank about our lascivious and predatory propensities than to conceal them and ignore their existence as our fathers and grandfathers did.

He is utterly wrong, and I protest against the teaching he and others are giving on a subject so vital to the moral welfare of the race.

Our forebears were right in counselling us to turn our thoughts away from what is degrading and unclean, and fix them upon what is better and higher than we can live up to all the time.

THEY were sometimes mistaken in their methods of doing this, but they were not humbugs. They were too much inclined to be silent in regard to vices which they knew existed; but we are being taught to do the opposite, to grub among filth and garbage in the name of truth.

If my word might have weight with any reader to-day, I would urge him or her not to consider it necessary to judge of human nature by its weaknesses and failures, but by its wonderful possibilities.

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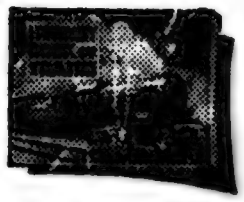

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MOTHER AS *GAMES MISTRESS*

Can Your Kiddie Play?

THERE is an old saying among Yorkshire women, "Never squabble over children's squabbles, for before the mothers have started bickering, the youngsters have made their differences up again."

Few mothers will disagree with this. There is nothing more futile than for neighbours to take sides in children's disputes, for children's tears are soon dried; their little quarrels mean no more than the passing of a summer breeze.

The case is rather more serious when the behaviour of children upsets a neighbourhood and causes serious dissensions among neighbours.

Quite a number of letters have reached the "Home Forum" lately, detailing disturbances of this sort.

In one instance, where back premises are unfortunately shared, the noise and tumult of a family of unruly youngsters are making life unbearable for another whose children are quieter.

Freshly whitened doorsteps are deliberately dirtied, stones are flung about to the imminent risk of windows, and the noise is deafening. Things have got so bad that the mothers are at bitter enmity.

ONE complains, the other retorts, and there is talk of police intervention being sought.

All this is a great pity, the more so because it is so unnecessary. Children must play, and if they are not given suitable places in which to play, and taught how to play properly, they will make themselves a nuisance to themselves and everybody else.

Mothers themselves are often much to blame in this respect. They are apt to regard the day-school, to which they are compelled to send their children, as the sole place of learning and leave the playhours at home to chance.

This also is a great pity. It is the reason why so many children, who are bright and bonny and well-behaved at school, turn out less satisfactory in afterlife.

We need more real co-operation between school and home. Mothers must take more notice of their children during their hours of freedom, and watch their behaviour at games.

IT is during play that all sorts of little selfishnesses, meannesses, and lack of consideration for others make their appearance. Children need to be taught how to play.

It is, of course, easier to give a child twopence and pack it off out of the way, to the pictures, than to help it to dress up and act out a little play with its fellows.

Yet the wise mother will not always choose the easiest way, for she knows the value of encouraging her child to develop its own gifts. The slothful way is not taken with children of the wealthier classes.

From Royalty downwards, the playhours of such children are always supervised, their manners are watched and their talents developed.

The important thing is for the child to feel its mother's interest.

Baroness Marietta Shyrcen, who has undertaken the musical education of the seven-year-old King Michael of Roumania

Mothers in Council

NO TIME *for Love*

Keeping Out Cupid

ONE of the most telling pictures of the great preacher-painter, R. J. Watts, represents love as a little Cupid weeping and knocking hopelessly at a close-barred door, "Love Locked Out."

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We only know that whatever human story is being enacted within there will be tragedy and misery unless love is admitted.

A reader raises the question in a poignant memory of her own experience:

"Mother died when I was four, the youngest of seven children, and father brought in a friend of mother's as housekeeper. She was a good, religious woman, and father was a good man.

"We children were fed, clothed, and cared for, but we were starved of love. Father indeed was stern. We feared him. There was never time for a loving word.

"The consequence was that we took the first opportunity to leave home, and did not make the wise choice of life-partners we might.

"I have been deceived and am most unhappy, having to sell my belongings bit by bit to buy food. I have three children of my own now, the one tie that keeps me to duty.

"But I do know and feel in my heart that if I had experienced a little more love in my own bringing-up, if I had been able to talk over my troubles with someone who loved me, I should not be in the position I now am.

"I want mothers who are 'too busy' for a bit of love to remember this."

No time is wasted that is spent in gaining their children's confidence. Without it they may seek consolation elsewhere and make a ghastly mistake of life.

SHOULD CRIPPLES MARRY?

THE war did not kill every man. It left some to come home wounded, disfigured and crippled. Thousands of those are still young; they have the same longing for love and happiness and a home of their own as others who are strong and full of vigour.

What is to be the fate of these men? This is a home problem propounded by a man, Mr. W. H. Penty, of 27, Barnsley Road, Platts Common, Yorkshire.

"Fate has dealt unkindly with those young men. In these hard times, God knows how hard it is for any man to gain a living, even those strong enough to shoulder a hard day's work. What of the cripples?

"Some are mine cripples, injured in their arduous work of raising coal. They are the industrial victims, exactly on a par with those of war.

"Are they to be handicapped, not only in the getting of a living, but in the domesticities of life? Such men fear to press their own claims. It is a woman's question, and one that only women can decide."

It is a matter of common knowledge that women have always been more sympathetic and tender-hearted in such matters than men.

If a man is engaged to be married and his fiancée suffers facial injury, loses a limb or is in danger of becoming blind, it is ten to one that "common-sense" will rule uppermost in his mind and he will cry off the marriage.

Women are not so. If the one they love is injured or disfigured, all the tenderness of mother love and compassion are brought to bear upon the situation.

Many a woman has, quite deliberately and with her eyes open, married a crippled and unfortunate man and made a most successful job of her domestic affairs.

The question is, Is it wise? The answer is, It all depends. The fact of blindness or crippling is not in itself a bar to marriage provided that there is no inherited weakness that can be passed on.

The matter then resolves itself into a simple question of ways and means, and here there is hope.

A blind man, unable to manage a shop alone, married and made a good living for both. A cripple, good at bicycle repairs, got on splendidly with a wife to manage the orders.

As in other cases, the domestic happiness of cripples depends on love and loyalty to bear the strain.

Women Who Dared

BROADCASTING SIMPLICITY

STATESMEN love big words. So do doctors, lawyers and scientists. The important things they are busy with are so wrapped up in technicalities that they "fly over the heads" of homely folk.

Mrs. E. K. Bouman

It is a pity, because whatever big schemes are afoot for the betterment of the world, it is the women in the homes who must help to put them into effect.

The people who wish to rid the world of consumption realise this, so do the health officers. They do not talk in medical terms, but of food, open windows, infection and sneezing into handkerchiefs.

Mrs. E. K. Bouman is a Montana woman who thought the same thing should be done with the League of Nations. She realised that international relations and peace problems touch every home, and the life of every woman and every child. She saw that in her neighbourhood no one cared very much because the subject was not "homefied."

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Human Documents

A MALICIOUS MOTHER-IN-LAW

Love or Loneliness? Tragedy of Neglect Warped Mentality

IN my ignorance as a young housekeeper I got into debt. Of course, my husband was annoyed, but that could have been got over had not his mother interfered. Living in her house, she "went for me," always ending up by declaring she would part us.

She went so far as to forbid me the house, and my husband was persuaded to take the housekeeping away from me.

I returned to my parents, and would have tried to be contented, but a baby was coming. I implored my husband to come and see me. His mother said to him, "If you do you shall never darken my doors again. She must come here."

So there was nothing for it but to go back. My husband did the housekeeping, giving me about 3s. a week for personal expenses. Baby was born dead.

For six years I have lived a tormented life, my mother-in-law constantly raising up against me my girlish lapse. I have two children now, but I cannot leave the house without being suspected and watched.

I joined some local political organisations to gain a change of atmosphere, and that is regarded as another great offence. When out at meetings my mother-in-law hints that where I really am is at a dance-hall.

I threatened to seek a legal separation, at which my husband banged down a small sum of money and told me to do the housekeeping if I wished. I have had to borrow pennies for the gas-meter, and even borrow a candle to light the kiddies to bed.

I cannot live any longer in such a state. Shall I seek a separation order, or what shall I do?

HUMANIST says: I advise you to do now what you ought to have done when first married. You must try and obtain a house of your own. Your husband must not allow himself to be treated as a child by a domineering mother.

The fact that he gave you housekeeping money when you threatened to leave him points to him wishing to keep you with him. I advise you to have a serious talk with him, but not in his mother's presence.

I feel that if just you and he set up housekeeping together, determined to have no more interference from "in-laws," all would be well between you.

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Secret Worry

I AM only a girl and would like your advice. I love my grannie, who is a fine old lady of seventy, but always brooding over a secret worry.

Lately I have discovered the reason. For years she mothered the orphan sons of a daughter who died, struggling to give them the best, though she had a large family of her own still unmarried.

Now those lads are out in the world, doing well, and appear to have forgotten grannie, who sadly needs a little extra comfort for old age. Their neglect is breaking her heart, yet she will not hear of my writing to them.

What shall I do, as pining for "her lads" is injuring grannie's health?

HUMANIST says: I advise you to write to both boys and tell them the facts. As their elder cousin you have a perfect right to remind them of their duty. There is no need for grannie to know what you are doing. Then, if the boys do not respond there will be no disappointment.

Better to Wait

EIGHTEEN months ago I was engaged to be married. She was the only girl I had ever loved. Then suddenly I was jilted for another. The position was unbearable, because we all worked for the same firm and saw each other daily. Having an offer of work in another town, I accepted it.

Tired of loneliness and longing for a home of my own, I made an offer of marriage to a very decent girl. To my consternation, she burst into tears and confessed she was a married woman waiting for her decree absolute, her divorce being granted for her husband's misconduct.

She is seven and a half years older than I, and I have a great pity for her as well as love. Shall I take this chance of happiness, or must I be persuaded by my parents, who strongly object to the proposed union?

HUMANIST says: Pity and a longing for a home of your own are neither of them sufficient justification for marriage. Only the deepest affection on both sides would ensure life-long happiness with a woman years your senior.

As she is not yet free to marry again, I advise you to wait. A few more months of acquaintanceship will give you both time to test your feelings.

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Love's White Lie

MY husband and I, having taken care of an unwanted child for a small monthly sum, were later asked by the father to adopt it. We agreed, as we were deeply attached to it, and went before the court to have the adoption legalised.

Before the order was finally granted the father changed his mind, and promised the magistrates to continue his payments and go on as before.

He has not paid a further penny, but as it is the child we want, and not the money, when we had an official visitor asking if the payments were kept up, for fear of losing the child, I said, "Yes."

Will there be trouble if I persist in this lie, or can we still adopt the child and forget all about the father and his broken promises?

HUMANIST says: The truth is best. Go again before the magistrates, explain the circumstances and ask to have the adoption order, which they were previously ready to grant, confirmed.

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Lunatic at Large

TEN years ago, my uncle, a married man with three children, had a stroke. Granddad took the whole family in, dad helping with money, and I and two sisters also contributed in order that uncle might have every comfort.

Here is where I want advice. On partial recovery, my uncle was so queer in his ways that his wife ran away. The three children were placed in a home, and uncle began to tramp the country.

Since then he has been in and out of prison for most paltry thefts, such as snatching twopenny articles from market-stalls. Worse, he molests young girls, and does not seem to have brains to keep decent.

A sum of money inherited through granddad's will was squandered most foolishly. He comes to my house when he is down-and-out, last time with a half-witted girl, whom I know is about to become a mother. My husband is furious, but what can I do?

HUMANIST says: Report the matter to the local medical officer of health when next your uncle is within reach. He is mentally deficient, and must be restrained.

It is highly probable that his detention in the workhouse infirmary might be ordered, as at present there is a great lack of other institutional treatment for cases on the borderline of insanity.

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Quest of Knowledge

MY life problem is lack of education. During school days I was in and out of hospital, so that I did not get the board-school kid's usual chance. At twenty-one years of age I feel a frightful handicap. What are my best means of getting a good education to help me through the rest of life?

HUMANIST says: The Workers' Educational Association exists to help young men in your position. Write to the Secretary, 16, Harpur Street, W.C.1, for information. Books are cheap, and you can do a great deal to educate yourself through reading the classics in editions such as Dent's "Everyman's Library." Finally, I advise you to make full use of your municipal free library. You will find the librarian most willing to assist.

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A Wife's Disgrace.—I think your wife has made a detestable suggestion in wishing you to "give her grounds for divorce" because things have not run on oiled wheels, and I warmly commend you for resenting it. Tell her that life-partners cannot be changed like old shoes. Try and act like reasonable people, facing the rough of life together, as well as the smooth. You are both young and only been married twelve months! You should still be in love with each other.

Halting Lover.—I commend your wisdom in breaking off the courtship with a girl whom you found out to be married. That you discover, on the eve of your marriage, that this woman is now a widow should make no difference to your feelings. That you are upset proves to me that your affections are not fixed on your affianced bride. In justice to this girl no wedding must take place until you are sure of yourself. The pain of breaking off the engagement is as nothing to the agony endured by married people who find out a mistake has been made.

Solomon Needed.—I consider your husband has behaved shamefully. If you will not divorce him, for which you have clear grounds, it is difficult to find a solution of your problem. You have done all humanly possible in offering to take the two children of the other woman. As his inclination is clearly towards "wife" No. 2, there are only two alternatives for you: Either get some spiritual adviser to try and bring home to him the error of his ways, or sue him in the law courts for restitution of conjugal rights.

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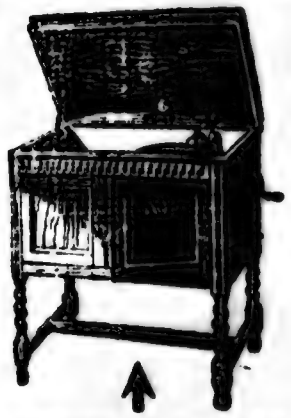

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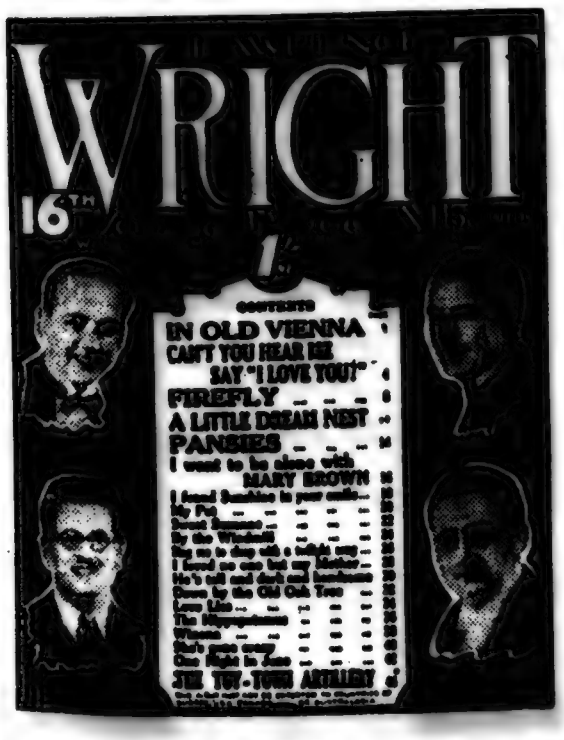

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A Long Rest

As an officer's widow, whose pension appeal, supported by four doctors, was turned down and who is afflicted with severe deafness, yet still struggles on with three young children, my belief is that I shall face death as a long rest from endless struggles and battling with adversity, an end to the partings and loneliness of this world, and a "reward" for the work given us on earth accomplished, with hopes of being reunited.—*M. Barnes, Birmingham.*

Dare Not Answer

I have been close to death, just waiting and expecting the last. There was no benediction, no good-bye, just myself alone with the multitude of thoughts that surged through my befuddled brain. Life was very sweet, and I so unprepared to die. I tried to pray, but could not. Sweet memories and dear faces haunted me. Then a voice seemed to call me. I wanted to obey, but I dare not. I was not fit, I was unprepared. How death will come I care not, so long as I may face it prepared.—*C. D. Povey, Reading.*

Life Worse

Death cannot possess any terrors worse than life, surely. After witnessing the horrible butchery of war, the maimed and stunted lives created by grinding poverty and slums, the ceaseless search for employment, the greed and cruelty of competition, one cannot help but feel that death would be a happy release. It is heartrending to see the home deteriorating, the children's bodies, intellect and soul being starved for want of life's necessities, the soul-crushing drudgery of poverty, and the losing of those things which we hold so dear.—*A., Broadheath.*

Calm Trust

I faced death three years ago when I underwent two operations, the second the most serious a woman can undergo. When the time comes for me to be taken, I only hope I have the courage and help to go through the trial as easily as then. I put all my trust in God, and in the surgeons and nurses. When I was taken to the theatre I felt no fear, no trembling, knowing they would do their best. Trust, I firmly believe, will let everyone face death calmly. Death is a gentle passing, not a thing of dread.—*E. H. Nicholson, Bedford.*

Two Left

I remember a harness-room at Beuvry. The occupants were Driver "Y," myself and seven Indians. The shell took fifteen seconds to arrive, during which I relived fifteen years of my life. I knew we were going to have that shell all to ourselves. We did. "Y" spoke first. "Is everyone all right?" I was the only one able to answer. There were two left out of nine to face it again, and when it comes I shall face it with much less inward panic.—*H. B. Harris, Lincoln.*

Last Emotions

Whatever the circumstances, I shall face death with reluctance. Candidly, I do not care to discuss or even think of the day when I shall pass to the beyond, yet I would, without hesitation, face death for those who are dear to me. Twice in my life has the hand of death grasped me by the shoulder. The emotions arising out of my close contact indicates the manner in which I think I shall shape up to the final call, a rapid sequence of the following sensations: Fear, instinct to fight, panic, passionate desire to live, then absolute indifference.—*F. A. N., Ashford.*

Save My Breath

Shall I sigh and meet him sadly, or grinning, greet him gladly,
And scoff while loved ones sorrowfully stare?
Shall I calculate him coldly, or brazenly and boldly?
May I meet him with profanity or prayer?
Do I hide myself despairing, or cynically swearing,
Step out and see him squarely, face to face?
Will I cry aloud for quarter, as time grows slowly shorter?
Or recklessly invite him to a race?
Meditating thus morosely—when next I meet him closely—
This awful apparition folk call Death,
I shall strive with great resistance to keep him at a distance,
And do my best to "save my blooming breath."

G. J. Lenthall, Cardiff.

Getting Ready

Two years ago, a famous surgeon gave me an alternative—an immediate and drastic operation, with problematical results, or inevitable death within a limited time. I chose the latter. And, really, as the days go by, I am surprised at the peace which comes with the "getting ready." Just a little wistfulness at the thought of leaving loved ones, and a little curiosity as to "what is round the corner"—that, and the knowledge that when I pass over I shall not go into a lonely land, that is about all.—*J. Procter, London, W.*

Cheerful Fighter

I am a victim of tuberculosis, and so am actually facing death. I know that with care I may live many years, but I know also that the next cold I take may be the end of everything here. How can I face it? By fighting it as long as I can, and getting as much happiness out of life as I can for the sake of my dear ones. I run no risks, but I do not dwell on my ills, and work about the house and garden cheerfully. Come when it likes, I am not afraid. "God is love."—*W. H. D., Fife.*

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To avoid the last minute rush and pressure on our staff, readers who desire to avail themselves of "John Bull's" Xmas Gift Offer are asked to send in their applications early. (See page 2 of cover.)

My Strangest Xmas Experience

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Life a Poor Thing

As a totally disabled ex-soldier, likely to "go west" at any time, death seems to hold no terrors for me. After all, it is only the natural order of things. Better men have gone before. And, after all, to anyone in poor health life does not seem such a great thing after all. And then it is only a great long shut-eye. As the Tommies used to say, "Roll on death and a long sleep."—*J. S., Penarth.*

Mine Murder

There are some jobs in the modern mine that I would not condemn a murderer to do. I refer in particular to rock-boring with machines driven by compressed air. The "borer" holds the machine against his shoulder to bore holes for blasting purposes. The vibration is terrible, but the worst danger is from inhaling stone dust. The "borer" continually works in an atmosphere thickly laden with this dust. I knew two men who died owing to doing this work, and I know two others whose health is permanently ruined by it.—*W. R., Bedwas.*

Share the Feast

With the approach of the "festive season" and the plight of many of our fellow-beings who are out of work and unable to provide their families with that "little extra," I offer this suggestion to all who are working. Out of the "little extra" we have saved to provide for our own "celebration" and "feasting," let us deduct 5 per cent., 10 per cent. or 20 per cent. as we can afford, and pass it on to some reliable Christmas charity. If we all do our bit, however small, we will help to bring a little gladness to many.—*Miner, Cardiff.*

Justice Gone Wrong

A farm labourer at Dartmouth has been sentenced to one month's hard labour for stealing a pruning-hook, valued at 3s. 9d. Compare this sentence with that passed on a Grimsby farmer who was fined one farthing on each of ten cases for withholding from his men wages totalling £36 0s. 6d. According to the Board of Agriculture returns, twenty-three wage-withholding cases were tried from June to September, involving £372, and the fines totalled only £34. No one was sent to prison. Those who declare that British justice is impartial are wrong.—*Worker, Scotland.*

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Points from Letters

In spite of Voronoff and his monkey glands, death is inevitable.—*John R. Williams, Glasgow.*

Numberless people are not called upon to face death, as the ogre frequently sneaks up behind.—*Henry James, Bradford.*

A selfish heart will find loneliness an added horror to that moment when the unknown is at hand.—*H. G. Smith, Kidderminster.*

One slip of the surgeon's knife and I should have faced death all right.—*E. B., Brighton.*

As I go out to post this letter I may get knocked down.—*J. T. Richardson, London.*

I have learned more of humanity from the pages of JOHN BULL than from all other sources put together.—*F. Booth, Walworth, S.E.*

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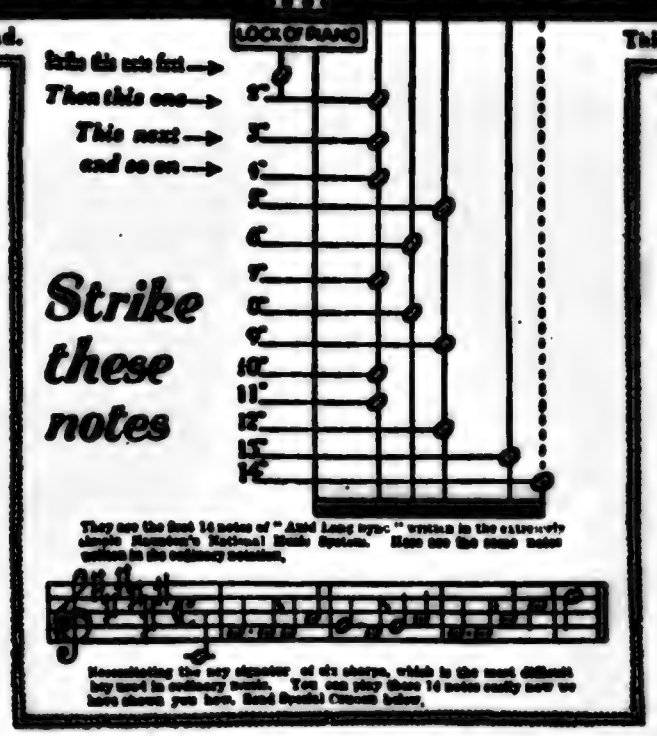

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THE "Tote" sponsors possess the big guns, but a number of points are certain to come the way of the course layers, and the s.p. commission-agents. The ring men scored recently when Tattersall's Committee altered the Rules of Betting to conform with the Rules of Racing on the point of objections.

AS a result of the alteration, a time-limit of five minutes will be allowed for an objection once the horses have passed the post. If none is made, both the Tote and the course layers will pay out right away, and the payments will not be affected by any subsequent complaint. In the event of an objection being lodged in the stipulated time, it will be decided before payments commence.

THE Rules of Racing are full of interesting little points, but I do not suppose that one sportsman in a hundred has waded through them or is even aware that Tattersall's Committee has authority to settle all questions relating to bets with bookmakers.

PROVIDING one has an account with a reputable firm, a dispute, if it cannot be settled outside, is worth taking to Tatt's. The appellant—bookmaker or backer—pays a hearing fee of a guinea, and, if he wins his case, this is returned to him. The court is formed by leading lights of the Turf, members of the Committee, and the secretary acts as Clerk of the Court.

ENQUIRIES are not allowed to take up too much time. The plaintiff states his case, the defendant replies, and, after the Committee has elucidated one or two points, the chairman gives the verdict. A starting-price bookmaker can laugh at a Tatt.'s decision if he likes, but unless he abides by it he is posted as a defaulter, and mud has a nasty habit of sticking.

LORD RONALDSHAY, the junior member of the Jockey Club Stewards has promised the Australian gate as one of the Turf reforms. It is about time, too. At a Midland meeting I attended a few weeks ago, three favourites were left at the post in the course of the afternoon.

Lord Ronaldshay

BAD starts have been a tragedy for punters right through the season, and also the cause of several jockeys being jeered at by disgruntled losers. I advocated the claims of the Australian gate months ago. It is comprised of four thick tapes—against our one strand—and if a jockey likes to rush it, more often than not he is hoisted out of his saddle.

DOWN under, the starter insists on the horses being packed closely together. This is also an excellent idea, as they have not sufficient room to lash out at one another. As the webbing is released, they move off in mass formation.

REJUVENATION of racehorses by the Voronoff gland treatment has not been a huge success in France, in spite of the fact that there was strong expert backing for it. Treated at the age of twenty-eight, Rabelais contracted pneumonia and died within a few hours. They also endeavoured to make Ayala, the sire of Bois Josselyn, as skittish as a two-year-old, but he, likewise, succumbed after treatment.

YET another illogical situation has been created in British boxing by the staging of the recent match in which Alf Pattenden beat Young Johnnie Brown for the Lonsdale bantam-weight belt. A Lonsdale belt is supposed to carry the title with it. Teddy Baldock is the rightful champion—he knocked out the previous holder, the elder Johnny Brown—yet the National Sporting Club ignored the Poplar boy's existence and called upon two men with no claims to the title to box for the trophy.

IT is an absurd position, and it should be cleared up at the earliest possible date by arranging a belt and title match between Pattenden and Baldock. This would be only fair to Baldock, the first boxer after many lean years to put Britain on the world's championship map again.

I HAVE never envied the referee of a football match his task. His job, like the policeman's, is not by any means a happy one. There are twenty thousand or more eyes in the crowd, all watching the same things, all owned by people who think they know the decisions to be made better than the man in charge. But, taking all that for granted, the standard of refereeing in "big" football is bad.

SOME, indeed, obviously go on to the field with a preconceived idea about the tactics likely to be pursued by this or that player. I heard the other day of an official who "warned" a player of the ultra-robust type before the start of a league match that he "would have to be careful what he was doing, and then sent another player of similar build off the field for a perfectly fair tackle. He was obviously under the impression that he was ordering off the man he had first spoken to!

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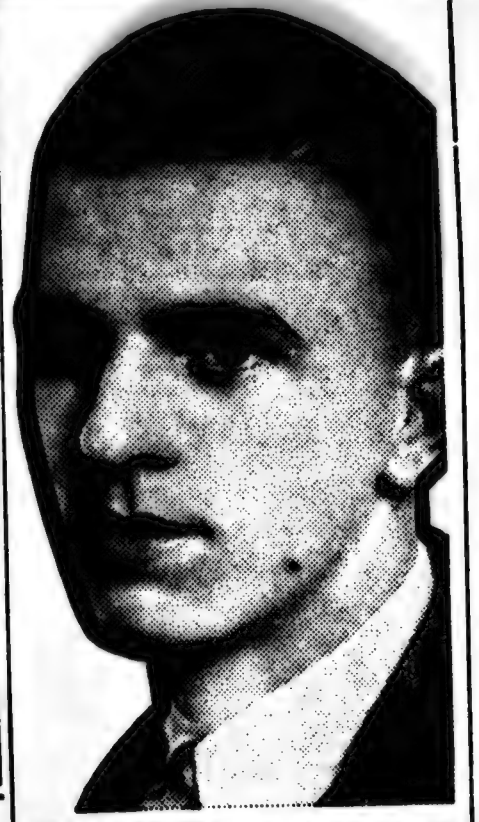

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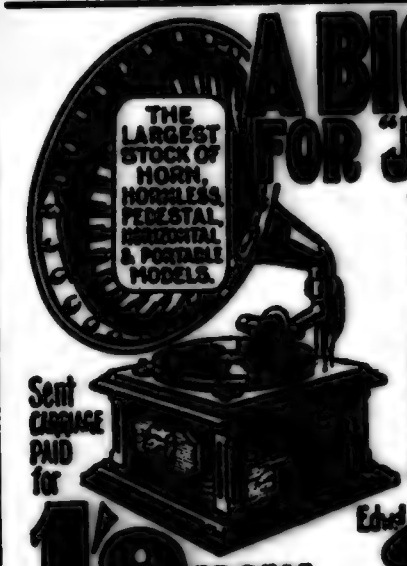

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THE Editor may be flippant on this page, but his humour is kindly and never malicious. He likes to end up the week's work on a bright note. Serious questions are dealt with by the expert staff of our Free Advice Service.

A. B. (Chelsea).—"I can't stand a hot climate." Then lead a good life.

B. D. (Darlington).—"Curse you, sir!" One more D. to your three!

T. O. (Margate).—"Men go mad during elections." Sowing their wild votes.

N. G. (Rainham).—"He looks a perfect donkey in his new bowler hat." Do his ears get in the way?

P. N. (Hull).—"He came into a lot of money, invested it foolishly and now he is bankrupt." Cash, rash, hash—crash!

G. M. (London, N.).—"Orphans frequently marry each other." They're lucky, because there's no mother-in-law problem.

P. M. (Bognor).—"We are settling down in our new house." Are the foundations as bad as that?

R. P. (Radcliffe).—"I enclose an article on the waste-paper problem." You merely add to the problem.

A. N. (Penge).—"My husband has two faults." Everything he says and everything he does?

P. Y. (Manchester).—"I suppose I eat more than I think." Yes, otherwise you would always be hungry.

L. T. (Streatham).—"How long does it take to learn roller-skating?" Just a few sittings.

C. R. (Bootle).—"He lost his health getting wealthy." Now he'll probably lose his wealth trying to get healthy.

P. T. (Jarrow).—"I made a lovely cake for my husband, but the dog ate it." Never mind. You can get another dog.

E. E. (Liverpool).—"You see funny things at a cinema." Two heads on one pair of shoulders, for instance.

L. M. (Cardiff).—"I enclose the words for a song." We doubt if there could be a tune silly enough to fit them.

N. P. (Langham).—"Honesty is the best policy." Exactly. And there is no second best.

C. B. (Swanage).—"He is just a gasbag." Then puncture him with a pointed remark.

A. B. (Southend).—"I am engaged to a lady journalist." When do you go to press?

J. B. (Victoria).—"I took her to see the film and she sobbed the whole time." Then you can be sure that she thoroughly enjoyed herself.

T. C. (Harrow).—"The modern girl is a fascinating little witch." But it's a pity she doesn't know more about the broomstick.

A. N. (Birmingham).—"I recently found a four-leaved clover and that means I'll soon be married." Oh! We thought it meant good luck.

W. T. (Salford).—"It will take us some time to get used to the new red ten-shilling and green one-pound notes." But, whenever we get any, most of us won't take long to blue the lot.

MRS. G. (Hull).—"I am a stout supporter of yours." Ever tried anti-fat?

B. V. (Exmouth).—"I know a thing or two." What's the other?

J. G. (Poole).—"A century hence this country will be dry." We don't care. A century hence we shall be dead.

R. N. T. (Melton Constable).—"That telegraph boy couldn't have been in his right mind." Was he running?

T. A. (Newbury).—"I think that the elections should be held on a Sunday." But isn't Sunday dull enough already?

H. M. (Oxford).—"Though my umbrella was split I didn't get wet." Perhaps it wasn't raining.

S. N. (Anerley).—"Though not yet of age, I know a lot." When you're older, you'll know different.

F. S. (Sutton).—"What can throw light on the subject?" A little reflection.

H. N. (Maidenhead).—"He went fishing instead of going to church and returned with a full basket." That's what fish get for chasing worms on a Sunday.

S. M. (Farnham).—"He used to send me a dozen bottles of wine for Christmas, but lately I have only had six." Circumstances alter cases.

A. K. (Hayes).—"Women know it is best to feed the brute." The trouble is that so many of them can't find a brute to feed.

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"DAILY MIRROR":—"He was close to her now; the DOG STILL GROWING AT HIS HEELS."

V. J. (Esher).—"My argument is not weak." Then why make use of such strong language?

E. D. (Leeds).—"I have half a mind to come and see you." If you had a whole one you would change that half.

HARD UP (Huddersfield).—"Money is not everything." But it can buy nearly everything.

C. F. (Swansea).—"I was married in the civil manner." But have you remained civil since?

F. I. (Dundee).—"What do you think of the book I wrote, herewith enclosed?" Decently bound.

K. F. (Greenwich).—"What is your lucky day?" We are not lucky enough to have a lucky day.

MRS. K. (Sutton).—"If one rides or walks nowadays there is risk of being killed. What can one do?" Run.

H. L. (Portsmouth).—"Taxpayers have their rights." The pity of it is, Winston won't believe it.

B. Y. (Worksop).—"My house fell in without warning." Did you expect a week's notice?

S. B. (Honiton).—"Most girls want to marry an economical man." But very few want to be engaged to one.

K. C. (Purfleet).—"Which is the best side to lie on?" The side that pays you the retainer.

C. T. (Hever).—"I got two months for stealing a policeman's boots." How on earth did you get them off?

D. G. (Bolton).—"Oh, for a little Christmas cheer!" Win one of the 1,001 *Bullets* Christmas-boxes and have a jolly good shout.

L. B. (Gateshead).—"Our servant makes a dreadful clatter with the fire-irons in the kitchen." Is she annoyed all the time?

N. P. (Swansea).—"Here's my latest photo—do tell me what you think of it." Impossible—we don't think anything of it.

T. E. (Northallerton).—"What does it mean when I drop three knives within an hour?" That you're extremely careless.

BOOKMAKER (Manchester).—"We have all lost money this season." Yet we haven't seen the names of many of you in the bankruptcy courts.

E. Y. (York).—"Your article was abusive, untrue, ill-written, and a disgrace to journalism." We guessed it would make somebody cross.

N. C. (Chesterfield).—"I don't know what charge the police are going to bring against my brother who is a saxophone player." Surely it is obvious!

MISS K. (Daventry).—"I am singing for the B.B.C. on Wednesday at 9.25." How very considerate of you to let us know at what time to switch off.

F. K. (Kensington).—"I often wonder how some of the artists get their pictures hung in the Academy." You consider the artists themselves should be hung instead?

K. L. (Strood).—"I have never got drunk in my life." Then what was wrong with you when you wrote that letter to us?

M. T. (Piccadilly).—"Drivers of Tube trains must lead a very monotonous life." But they get a bit of fun out of it when they jam on the brakes just as passengers are ready to alight.

DORIS (Richmond).—"Love with me is an inspiration." With some people it's an institution.

J. F. S. (Romsey).—"It may sometimes be wise to pretend to be foolish." But it is always foolish to pretend to be wise.

M. S. (Alton).—"I'm not going to live at No. 13, ground flat." Good gracious, we hope not!

R. T. (Bradford).—"Well, sir, I have decided to marry her after all." The best of pluck, old chap!

MISS J. (Raskelf).—"Do you think modern women are hard?" To get on with.

MRS. D. (Cardiff).—"Judgment is coming for the quick and the dead." And it's jolly certain if you aren't quick you'll soon be dead.

MRS. G. (Oakley).—"I was divorced three years ago and have now remarried my husband." Then you have got your own back.

MRS. S. (Bolton).—"He dumped the bottle down in my garden, though I told him it was a case of mistaken identity." Sounds to us like a case of beer.

"EXASPERATED" (Pinner).—"What can I do to make my neighbours keep their hens out of my garden?" Keep them until they lay and boil the results.

"HISTORIAN" (Cambridge).—"The Romans played a game something like football." So do several teams round our way.

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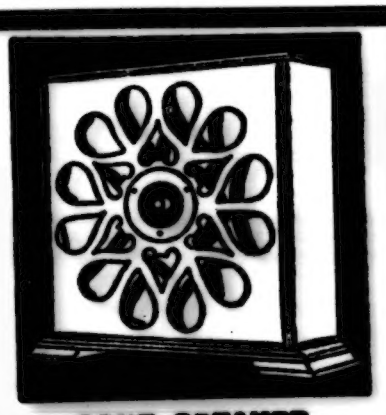

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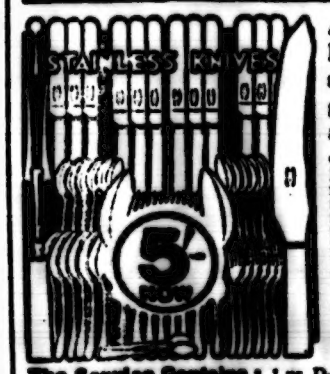

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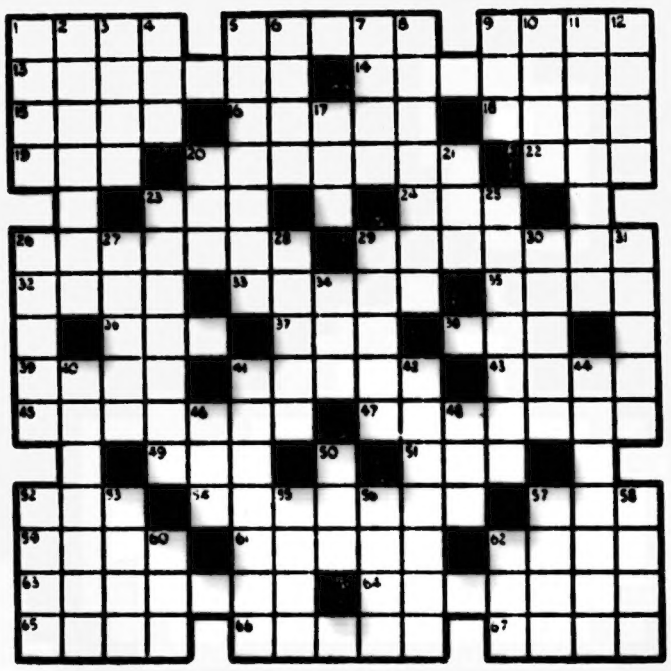

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65. Growing timber.
66. Male duck.
67. To paddle.

CLUES DOWN

1. Portent.
2. Solve.
3. Crustaceous fish.
4. Part of a grate.
5. Immovable.
6. Island.
7. Purified pig's fat.
8. A fever.
9. Mountain.
10. Small glass bottle.
11. To invigorate.
12. Wind instrument.
17. Terminal.
20. Part of verb "to be."
21. Small point.
23. Thrift.
25. Set in columns.
26. Indoor game.
27. A step.
28. Where dates come from.
29. Named in lawsuit.
30. Kind of architecture.
31. State reception.
34. Inclination of the head.
40. Retrieve.
41. Lured.
42. Adjudicator
44. Deluged.
46. Over.
48. Wicked.
50. Discordant.
52. Vehicle.
53. Married woman.
55. Hunted animals.
56. A frolic.
57. Italian currency.
58. To presage.
60. Owed.
62. Not many.

The solution of our last week's Puzzle will be found on this page.

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Solution to the Cross-word Puzzle in our last issue.

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Example: MAKING A MESS OF IT
Bullet:—BALDWIN—YET " HANDS CLEAN."

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Example: OUGHT TO BE ILLEGAL
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(Continued on page 34.)

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ALL IN A LIFETIME	BRAVE WOMAN	[illegible]
[illegible]	SOUND ADVICE	HE MARRIED HER AND
[illegible]	PATIENCE	PAY—PAY—PAY—
[illegible] DOWN TO EARTH	WHAT'S HAPPENING TO-DAY	[illegible]
[illegible] AT THE FEAST	NO NEED TO WORRY	JOB FOR CUPID
[illegible] OPPORTUNITY MISSED	[illegible]	REFUSE I SEE
[illegible] MEN	MONEY HAS WINGS	TIME CLOSET
[illegible] WATER	HE HAD MONEY, BUT	WHEN THINGS GO WRONG
[illegible] ALL'S SAID AND DONE	OBEY	MAN WHO ANNOYS ME
[illegible] TEN	NOT KNOWN YET	[illegible]
"[illegible] TO-DAY, THANKS!"	IS IT WEAKNESS	QUEUEING UP
[illegible] UP SHOP	WHEN THE SHIP'S SINKING	ARE WE ASLEEP?
[illegible]		

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Signed _____
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Example _____
Bullet _____
Example _____
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Closing Saturday, Dec. 22.

Example _____
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
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Address _____

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Example _____
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
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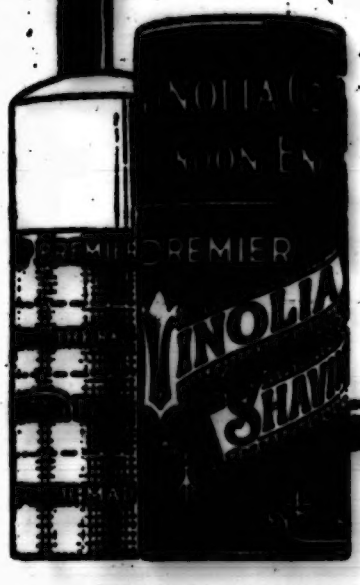

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